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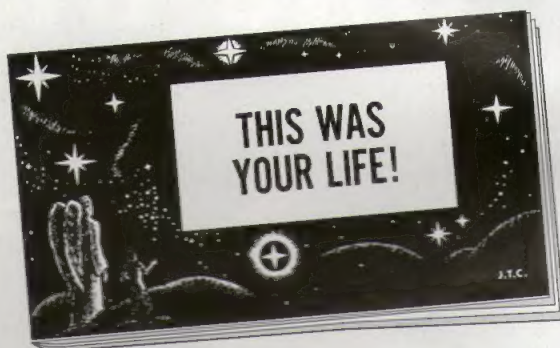
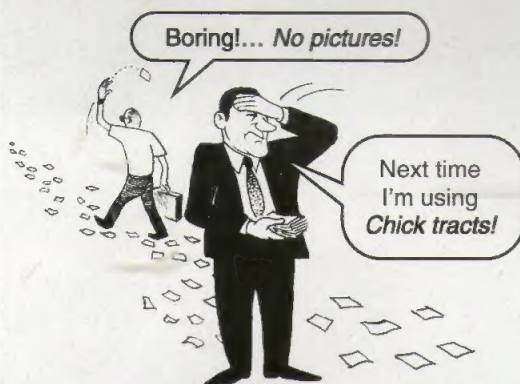
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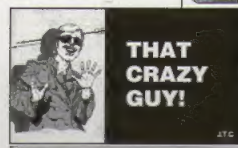
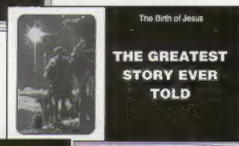
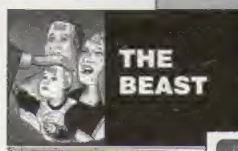
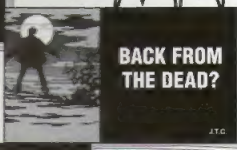
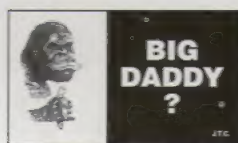
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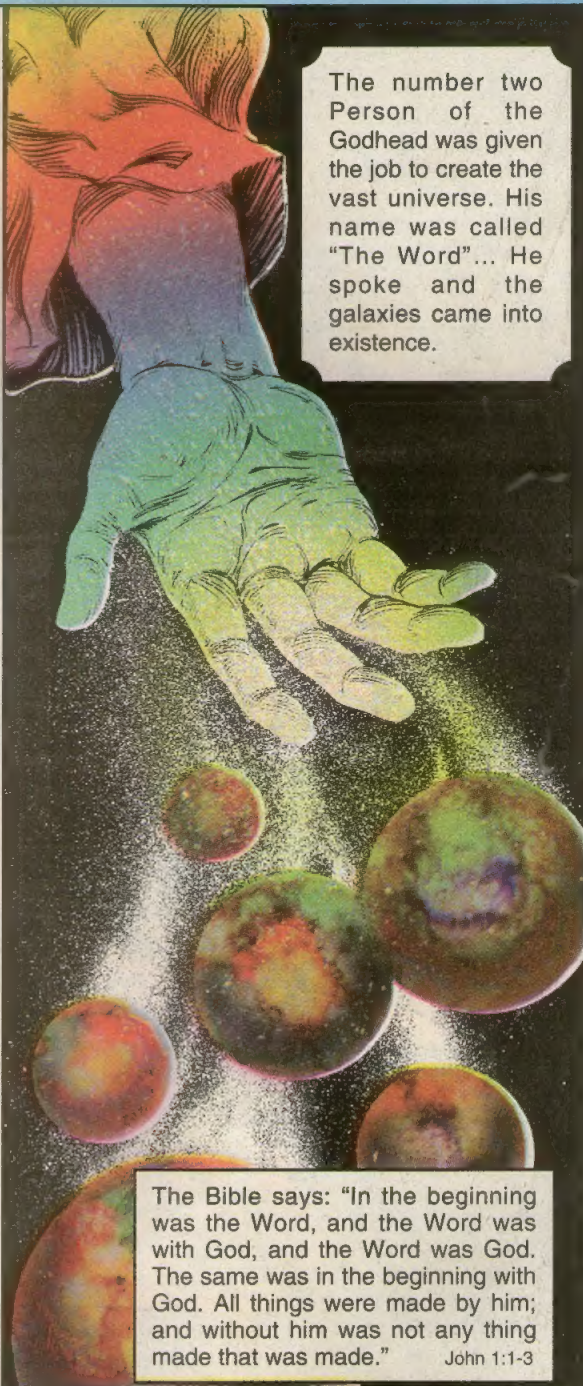
Long before there was planet called earth, a great plan was set in motion that involves all of us living today.

Somewhere in the outer reaches of space was a tremendous light and power source composed of three distinct personalities. The Bible claims each Person to be the only true and living God. It was here this plan originated.

The Holy Scriptures call these three personalities the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost (God, the Holy Spirit). This is known as the Godhead.

*1 John 5:7... "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

*Note: Some Bibles leave this verse out... see "Sabotage?"
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The number two Person of the Godhead was given the job to create the vast universe. His name was called "The Word"... He spoke and the galaxies came into existence.

The Bible says: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." John 1:1-3

This tremendous power source later comes to our planet as a man. You'll be shocked to find out His name.

"He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not." John 1:10

"The Word," who is the Lord*Jesus Christ, created millions of angels to serve God up in heaven. These angels were magnificent creatures with great strength, wisdom and power... all of them were loyal to God and loved Him.

*Colossians 1:16-17

The most beautiful of all the angels was *Lucifer. His brilliance was like a star. He had tremendous wisdom and was God's favorite. He was the **number one** angel in heaven.



His position was to guard God's glorious throne. Lucifer had great authority over the angel population including two other great angels... Michael and Gabriel.

**Lucifer means "Light Bearer" or "The Shining One." See Ezekiel 28:12,14

An amazing thing happened in heaven that had never happened before... Lucifer became jealous. He wanted to be like God. He wanted all of the angels to worship him, instead of God. Lucifer was filled with pride,* which God spotted instantly.

*Isaiah 14:12-14 Ezekiel 28:17



Lucifer worked out an evil plan in his head. He started talking angels into joining him in throwing God off His throne. *One third of the angels joined him. Lucifer became power-mad. He declared war on God.

*Revelation 12:4

In his insanity, Lucifer forgot he was only a created being. God ordered Lucifer, and the angels who had joined him in this evil plan, thrown out of heaven.



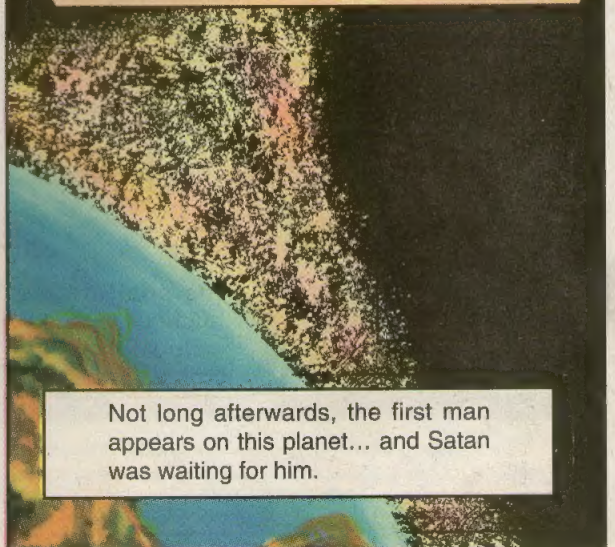
What a come-down... Lucifer's name was changed to Satan. He is also known by many other names in the Bible such as: the devil, the dragon, a roaring lion, the prince of demons, the wicked one, the old serpent, murderer, father of liars and *the angel of light.

*See Crusaders story #9 "Angel of Light."

Satan's beaten army of beautiful angels were changed into demons.



Millions of these creatures were looking for a new home. They finally settled around one particular planet.

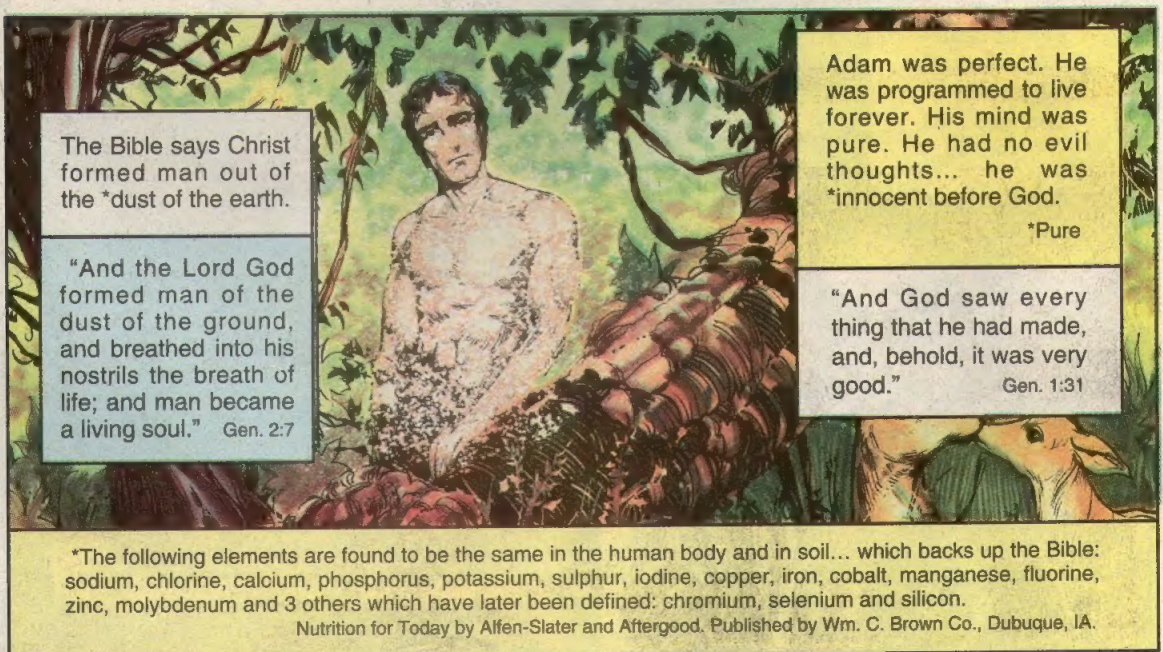


Not long afterwards, the first man appears on this planet... and Satan was waiting for him.

The planet earth becomes the main stage for the most amazing and dramatic battle of all time. Gen. 3:15



Notice how the Lord created the first man. It wasn't through evolution as they teach us in our schools. Satan wants everybody to believe we came from monkeys. It's all part of his big lie.

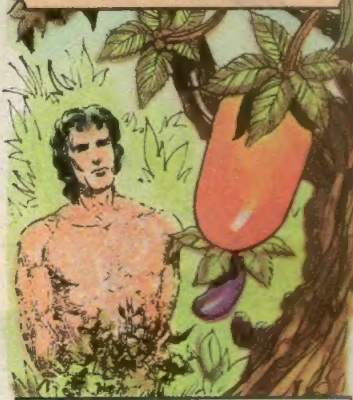


God gave Adam a direct order* not to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And Adam got the message. *Genesis 2:17



He knew if he ate of this tree he would surely die.

The knowledge of good and evil was strictly forbidden. Either you must live with good or with evil. You cannot live with both.



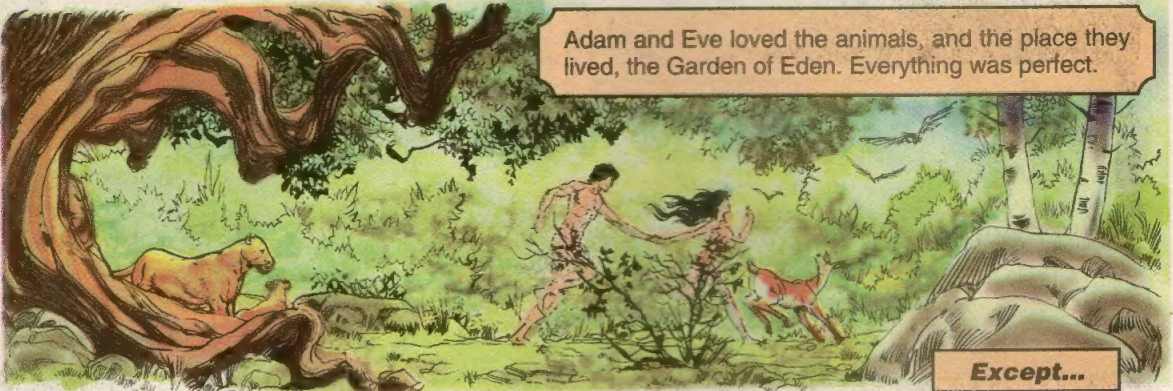
God demanded total separation. God did this to protect Adam.

The Lord Jesus created Eve. He put Adam into a deep sleep and formed Eve from one of his ribs. Genesis 2:22



She, too, was perfect. Both glowed from God's glory. Adam loved Eve. God was their friend.

Adam and Eve loved the animals, and the place they lived, the Garden of Eden. Everything was perfect.



Except...

Satan detected a weakness in Adam...



It was his wife.

Satan wanted to talk to Eve in the garden... one of the creatures in there was called a *serpent... so Satan entered into the serpent and possessed it, and talked through the serpent to Eve.

Eve was fascinated by its conversation.

He didn't approach Adam because Adam had named every animal in the garden and he would have recognized that this creature had been invaded by an outside force.

Eve didn't understand, nor did she check Satan out. This was his big chance!

*Before its fall, the serpent was the most beautiful and subtle creature next to man. (Gen. 3:1) After Adam and Eve sinned, God cursed the serpent and it had to crawl on its belly in the dust. (Gen. 3:14)

God had given Adam dominion,* or control, over the entire world. Satan wanted to throw Adam off his throne, to control the world just like he tried to do to God up in heaven... only this time, Satan won. *Genesis 1:28

Satan talked Eve into eating the forbidden fruit and gambled that because Adam loved Eve, he would listen to her and also eat of the forbidden fruit...

Adam did it. Satan was overjoyed!

The glorious glow that Adam and Eve had, went out. For the first time they saw their bodies and knew they were naked.* They had sinned against God.

*Genesis 3:7

What happened?

I don't know!

They had died spiritually

They felt fear for the first time. They covered their bodies with fig leaves.

God appeared and they had to stand before Him in judgment.

A strange thing happens when we sin. We try to blame someone else for it and that's just what Adam did.

God asked Adam...

"Hast (have) thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?" (Genesis 3:11)

Adam tries to make God responsible for the whole thing. He said...

"The woman whom **thou** gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat."*

*Genesis 3:12

In other words, Adam said, "It's your fault, God... **You** gave me that woman."

Notice that God laid the major blame on Adam, not Eve. A woman is responsible for her personal relationship with God which includes submission to her husband.

See Genesis 3:17.

God's heart was broken... God had always been their friend but now it was a new ball game. He had to keep His promise.

Suddenly, in front of Adam and Eve stood a holy, righteous God. Now He was their judge and He **had** already sentenced them to death.*



They had no idea what was coming!

*Genesis 2:17

The Lord
Jesus said
to Eve:

"What is
this that thou
hast done?"*

God alone knew the terrible
chain reaction of hellish
problems that would follow
because Eve didn't obey.

*Genesis 3:13

When Eve stood before the Lord, she
blamed the serpent. She had no idea the
terrible crime that she was involved in...
her act affected the life of every man,
woman and child that ever lived thereafter.

Adam and Eve, in trying to hide
what they had done, used fig
leaves... it was not good enough
for God.

Something had to die for this crime. Some believe that He chose little lambs, something very precious and dear to Adam and Eve. These lambs were killed. God took off their fig leaves and covered their bodies with the skins of those lambs.

This involved the shedding of blood.* They were horrified! For the first time, death was in the Garden of Eden. The friendship they once had with God was now gone. He was no longer their spiritual Father.

*Hebrews 9:22, Leviticus 17:11b

God ordered them out of the garden. The earth was cursed and evil things came forth, like thorns, disease, insects, wild animals and snakes. Then came hurricanes, earthquakes, wars and cancer. Sin had destroyed everything.



Satan now had legal and spiritual control* of the world. He became the god of this world. (II Cor. 4:4) Satan commanded his demons to take over the earth and its inhabitants for their new homes. Mankind was ruined.**

Children were born to Adam and Eve. It was a totally new environment... innocence was gone... the firstborn was Cain, then came Abel and then Seth. After this, many more children were born to Adam and Eve.* Adam lived to be 930 before he died.

*Genesis 5:4

*Luke 4:6 **Romans 5:12

The pattern was set... since Satan now ruled the earth, he became the spiritual father of humanity.* God shows us a picture of the human heart. It is "deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked..."** In God's eyes, we have one thing in common. We are all totally depraved (rotten).

In Romans, chapters 1 and 3, the Bible describes our condition like this: (And it's very unpopular to us so-called good people.)

There is none righteous.

There is none that doeth good..

There is no fear of God before their eyes.

Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness (to mention only a few).

*John 8:44 **Jeremiah 17:9

If Satan is everyone's spiritual father, then how do we get out of this mess?



CAIN

ABEL

SETH

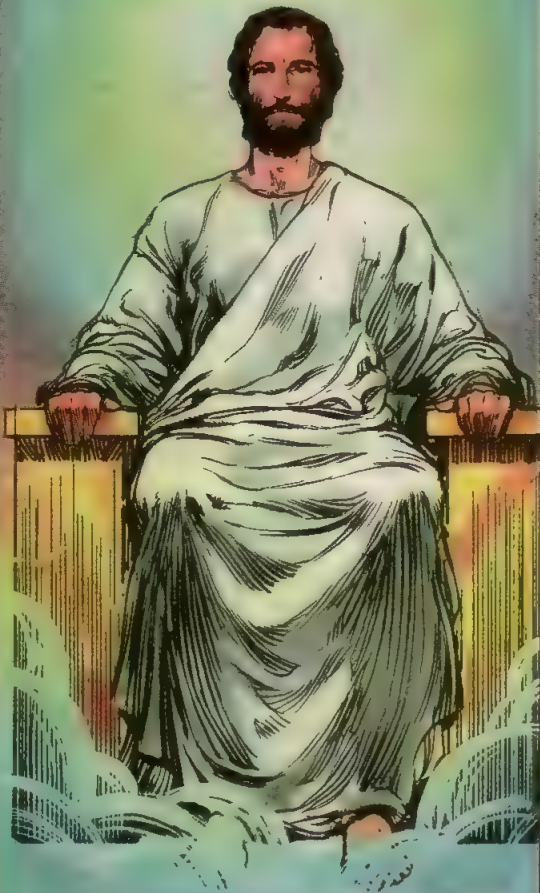
Here is our *only* way out.

Satan's deadliest enemy is the Lord Jesus Christ (the No. 2 Person in the Godhead). Christ's duties besides creating the universe are to judge the church, the world, the nations and the life of every man, woman and child that ever lived.

Romans 2:16, II Corinthians 5:10, Revelation 20:12-15

All authority in heaven and earth* is placed in His hands by God, the Father.

*Matt. 28:18 Ephesians 1:20-22



*Jesus Christ is called the Lord of lords and King of kings. (Rev. 17:14)

The Bible has given Him over 300 names. Here are a few of them.

The Lamb of God (John 1:29)
Son of God (John 3:16)
The Lord of hosts (Isaiah 6:3)
Creator (Ecclesiastes 12:1)
The mighty God (Isaiah 9:6)
The everlasting Father or
Father of eternity (Isaiah 9:6)
The Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)
The Rock (I Corinthians 10:4)
King of glory (Psalm 24:7, 10)
Our Lawgiver (Isaiah 33:22)
Jehovah (Psalm 83:18)
The Lord Jehovah (Isaiah 26:4)
The everlasting God (Isaiah 40:28)
The God of the whole earth (Isaiah 54:5)
The Redeemer (Isaiah 59:20)
Messiah (Daniel 9:26)
The Prince of princes (Daniel 8:25)
Emmanuel (Matthew 1:23)
The Christ (Matthew 16:16)
Jesus the Christ (Matthew 16:20)
The Holy One of God (Mark 1:24)
Son of the most high God (Mark 5:7)
Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11)
The salvation of God (Luke 2:30)
I Am (John 8:58) (Exodus 3:14, 15)
The Judge of quick and dead (Acts 10:42)
Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 5:21)
The Mediator (I Timothy 2:5)
God manifested in the flesh (I Timothy 3:16)
The righteous Judge (II Timothy 4:8)
God our Saviour (Titus 3:4)
The great high Priest (Hebrews 4:14)
Our Intercessor (Hebrews 7:25)
The Advocate (I John 2:1)
The Son (I John 4:14)
The true God (I John 5:20)
The Son of the Father (II John 3)
The Alpha and Omega (Revelation 1:8)
The Almighty (Revelation 1:8)
Lord of lords (Revelation 17:14)
King of kings (Revelation 17:14)
The Word of God (Revelation 19:13)
The Saviour of the world (I John 4:14)

We will now show you the tremendous struggle man will go through to decide who he will follow... either Christ or Satan, and the terrible price man must pay if he makes the wrong decision.

God made a prophecy in the Garden of Eden concerning the coming of Christ.

When He blasted the serpent for tricking Eve into eating the forbidden fruit in the garden, God said to Satan.....

"And I will put enmity (war) between thee and the woman and between thy seed (that's all of Satan's followers) and her seed; (future... Israel/Jesus) and it (Jesus) shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."
Genesis 3:15

As you go through this book you will understand what that means.

Let's go back to Cain, the firstborn on the earth. Eve thought that Cain would be the answer to all their problems.

I've gotten a man
from the Lord.
Genesis 4:1



She loved Cain, but she spoiled him rotten... this destroyed him when he grew up.

No doubt, Adam and Eve spent hours complaining about what happened in the Garden of Eden and whose fault it was:

It wasn't a happy family, moaning about what it could have been like, if only they hadn't blown it.

Cain and Abel knew that the price for sinning was death and that they had to kill something that never sinned. The lamb was the animal God chose.



Cain didn't buy it... he would do it his way. No one was going to tell **him** what to do!

Cain knew what he was supposed to do. When it was time to come before the Lord to offer his sacrifices, Cain tried to pull a fast one. Instead of a lamb...



He brought vegetables before the Lord. Cain had sweated* in the sun growing them. He was proud of his offering... but God would not accept it. *Genesis 3:19

"Obedience is better than sacrifice."
I Samuel 15:22

His kid brother, Abel, came before the Lord... he wanted to please God and do right, even if it meant Cain being mad at him. Abel feared God more than he feared his brother, Cain.



The Bible says: "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain." (Heb. 11:4)

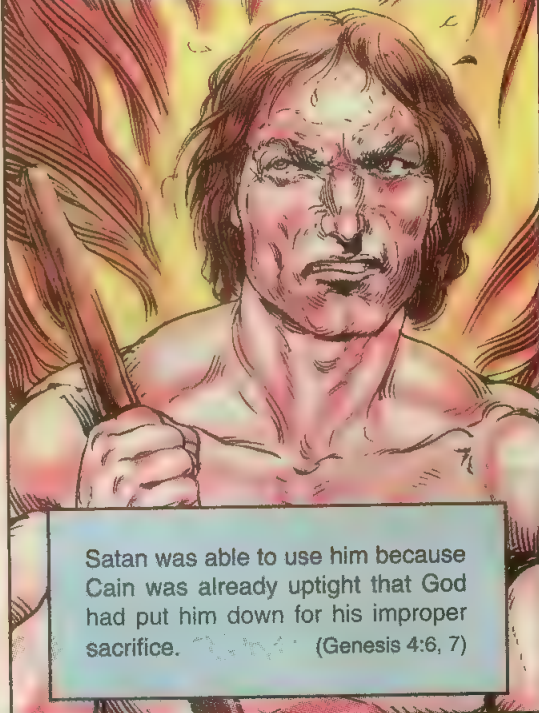
So Abel brought the finest lamb he could find. God was pleased. Abel didn't know that it would cost him his life. "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (II Timothy 3:12)

Satan was furious with Abel! He hates any type of righteousness. Abel had become a real threat, and had to be stopped...



... because Abel obeyed God instead of Satan.

The perfect weapon that Satan used was Cain.



Satan was able to use him because Cain was already uptight that God had put him down for his improper sacrifice. (Genesis 4:6, 7)

Satan commanded his demons of hate, jealousy, murder and envy to enter Cain.



They obeyed instantly!

"And Cain talked with Abel, his brother..."
(Genesis 4:8)
They were alone...
Cain waited for just the right moment.



And then...

Cain made the kill!



He left the lifeless body of his kid brother lying in the field. Now *Cain*, the first-born of the earth, was a murderer!

The Lord asked Cain, "Where is Abel, thy brother?"

I know not.

Am I my brother's keeper?



Cain insulted the Lord God of creation with an arrogant and sarcastic lie. He thought he was really something special. He was full of pride.

What an idiot! He had no respect at all for authority.

The Lord in His love and mercy, put up with Cain's rebellion.

What hast thou done?

The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand.

When thou tillest* the ground, it shall not henceforth yield** unto thee her strength;

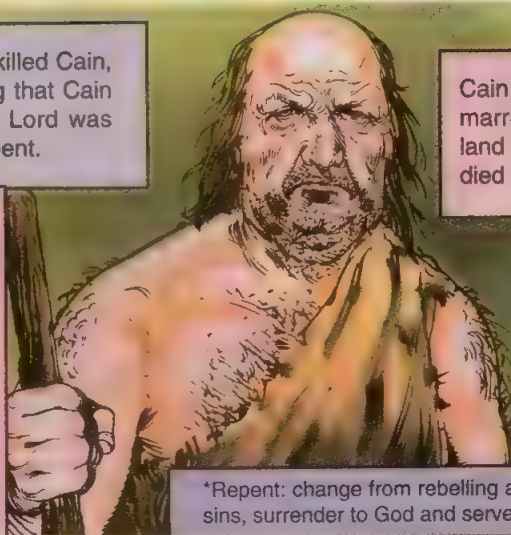
a fugitive*** and a vagabond* shall thou be in the earth. Gen. 4:9-12

*Plow **Produce ***Always on the run *Wanderer



God could have instantly killed Cain, but He didn't. It's amazing that Cain had no fear of God. The Lord was giving him a chance to repent.

Cain *never* repented* for this crime! He was mad at God for the punishment. He thought God was unjust! All he did was kill his brother who was a trouble-maker. So he tried to justify his crime.



Cain went away and years later, married one of his sisters in the land of Nod. Cain was a loser and died in his sins, and went to hell.

The world has been filled with this kind of people ever since.

*Repent: change from rebelling against God, to be sorry for your sins, surrender to God and serve Him.

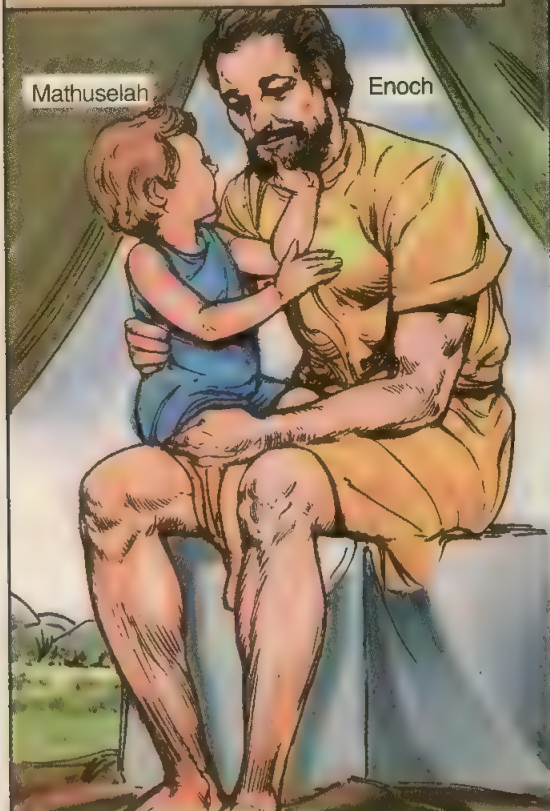
The sad thing was, Cain knew all about God!... and he knew what God expected. Cain was deeply religious because he even offered a sacrifice to God.

Cain never said God didn't exist. He believed in God... but Cain *would not* accept God's way. He would not believe that the lamb must die and its blood be shed to satisfy God's anger over sin.

It offended Cain. He was a religious fool. Cain had his own religion and it was directed and twisted by Satan.

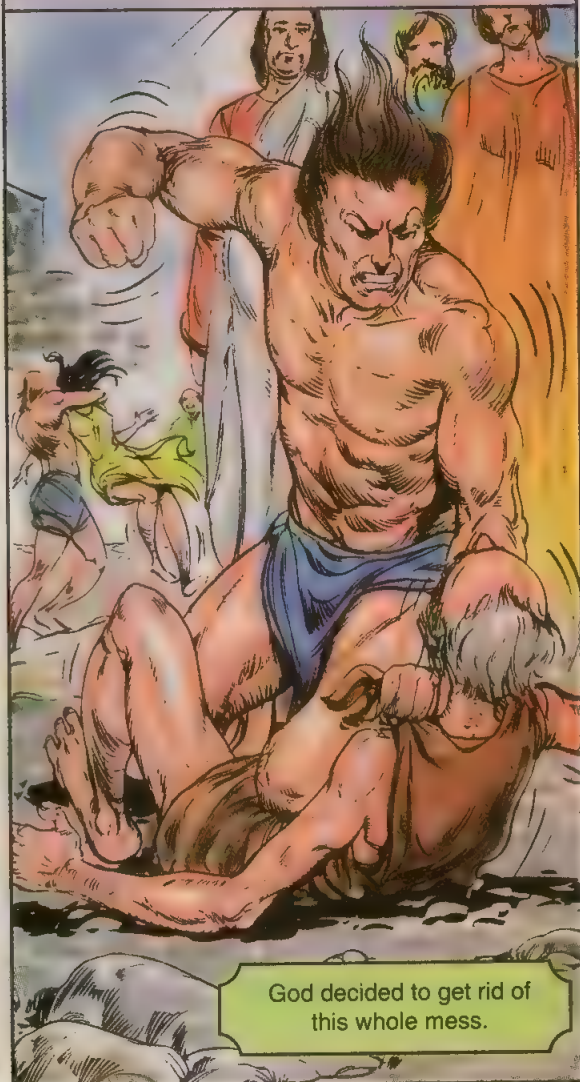


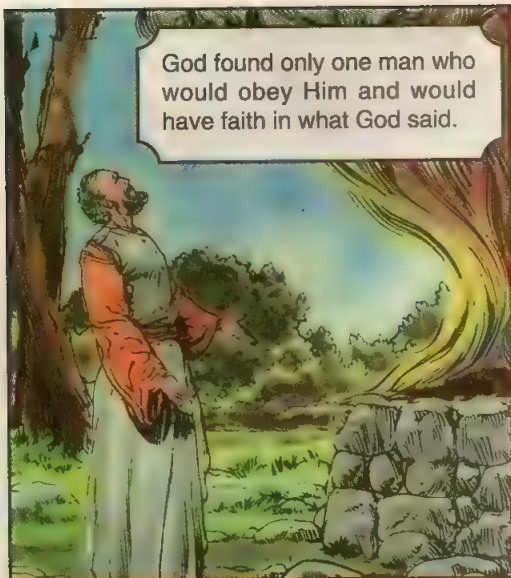
From this point in history everything really started down hill... the world's population started growing. Occasionally someone would be born who obeyed God, like Seth. About 7 generations later another righteous one was born by the name of Enoch.



Enoch was 65 years old when his son was born, and that birth was so important that Enoch walked with God. His little son's name was called Methuselah, which meant "when he is dead, it (the flood) shall come." The Bible says Enoch didn't die... God took him up alive into heaven. (See Gen. 5:24) (Heb. 11:5)

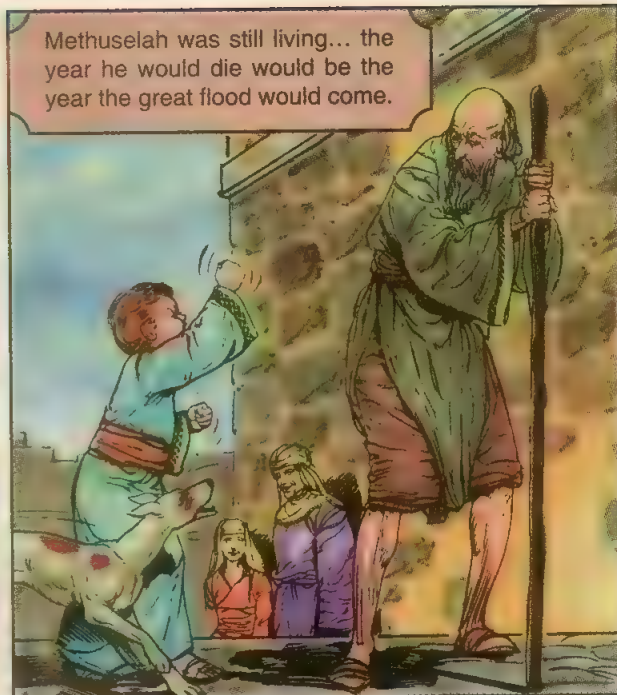
World conditions were as bad as they are today — homosexuality, rape, murder, revolution were everywhere and God was fed up with humanity. The Bible says in Genesis 6:5: "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."





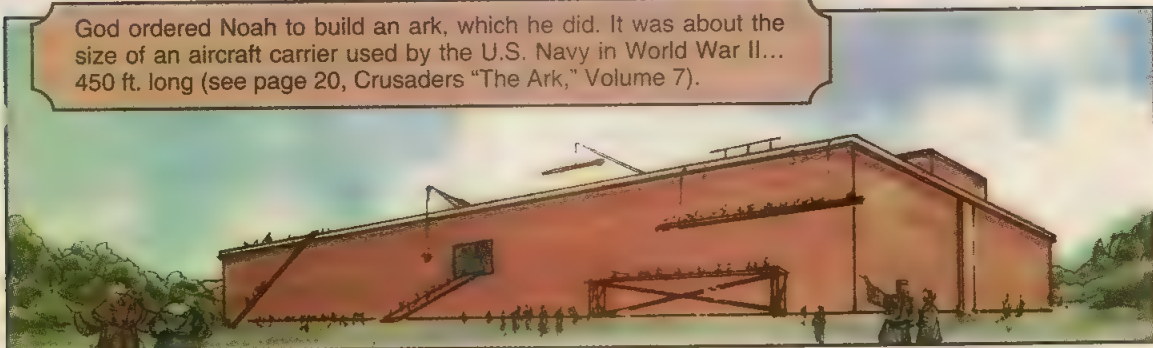
God found only one man who would obey Him and would have faith in what God said.

His name was Noah. "Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations and Noah walked with God." (Genesis 6:9)

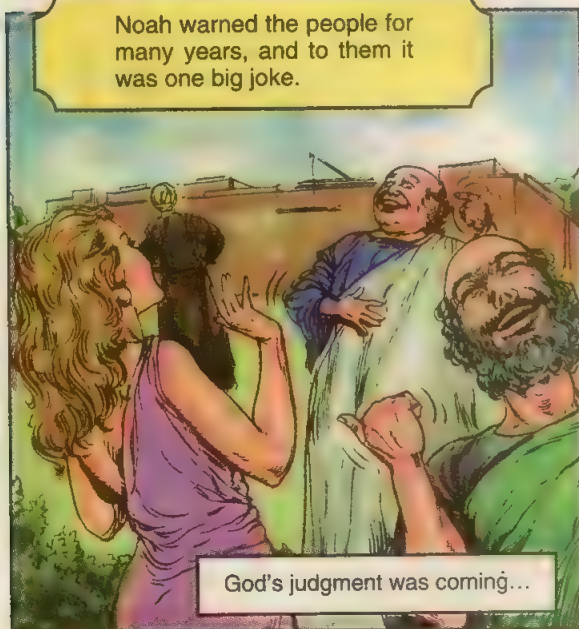


Methuselah was still living... the year he would die would be the year the great flood would come.

God ordered Noah to build an ark, which he did. It was about the size of an aircraft carrier used by the U.S. Navy in World War II... 450 ft. long (see page 20, Crusaders "The Ark," Volume 7).

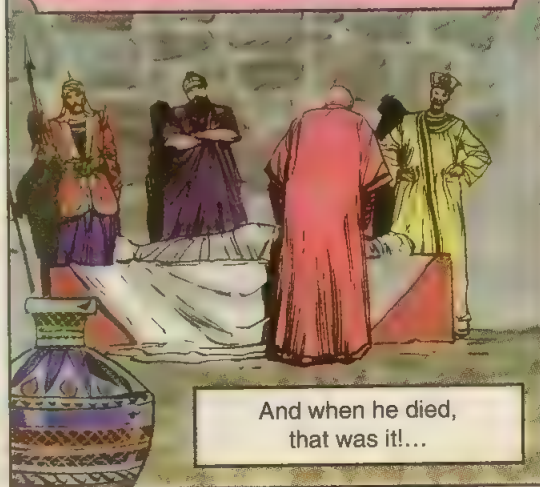


Noah warned the people for many years, and to them it was one big joke.




God's judgment was coming...

But let's look at His great love in trying to give them a chance to repent. He let Methuselah live for 969 years... the oldest man to ever live on this planet.



And when he died, that was it!...

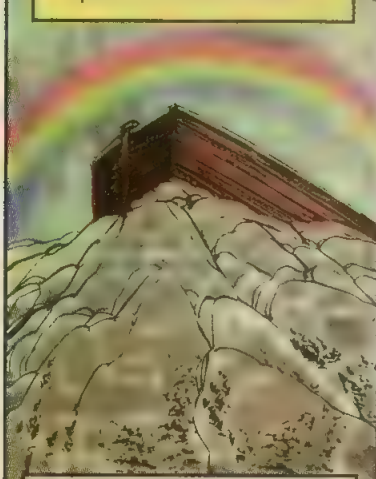


"And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark."

Genesis 7:23

Millions died. Satan and his demons were delighted as they watched the screaming, clawing multitudes slip into hell!... only 8 were saved.

Noah, his wife and his 3 sons, Ham, Shem and Japheth and their wives...

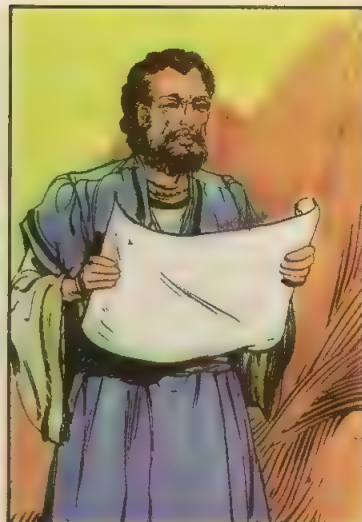


were in the ark with the animals. The ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat* and the population explosion started up again.
*Genesis 8:4

Satan hated Noah because he was righteous. Satan found out that Noah's son, Ham, was weak. This is the one he worked through.



Ham looked upon his father's nakedness, and Noah put a curse on one of Ham's sons whose name was Canaan.
(Genesis 9:24, 25)

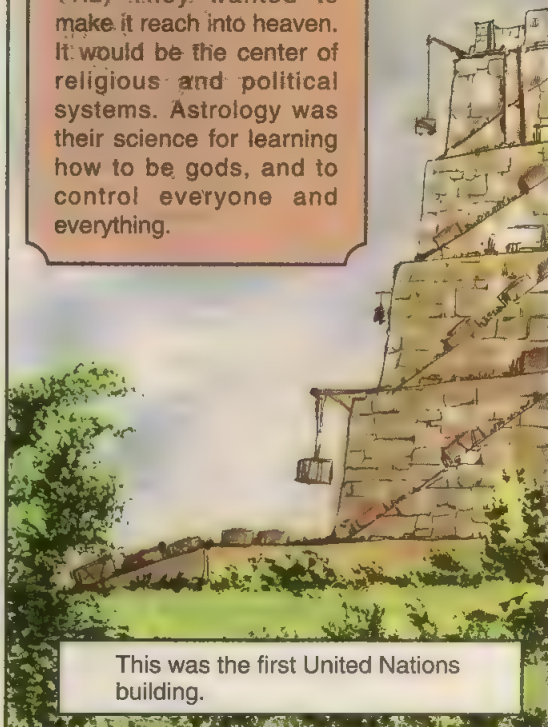


Ham had another son named Cush. Cush became the big man in politics. He married a beautiful woman named Semiramis, who became the Queen of Babylon. (See "Angel of Light" Crusaders Volume #9, page 13).

The idea of a one-world government was started way back there just after the flood.



They started construction on the Tower of Babel in the plains of Shinar. (Gen. 11:2) They wanted to make it reach into heaven. It would be the center of religious and political systems. Astrology was their science for learning how to be gods, and to control everyone and everything.



This was the first United Nations building.

God knew what they were up to so the Lord came down to see the tower and the city they were building. God destroyed their unity by confusing their language.

¿Qué es lo que habla ese estúpido?

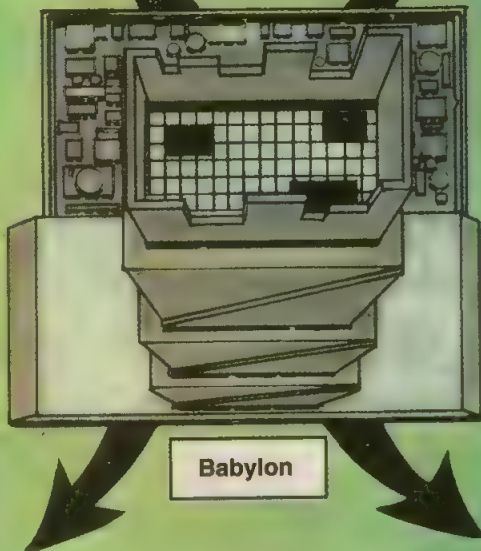
What are you saying?

Svenska dum bum.

ДРОП ДЕАД!

No one understood what the other was saying. They went mad with frustration. Communication was a disaster.

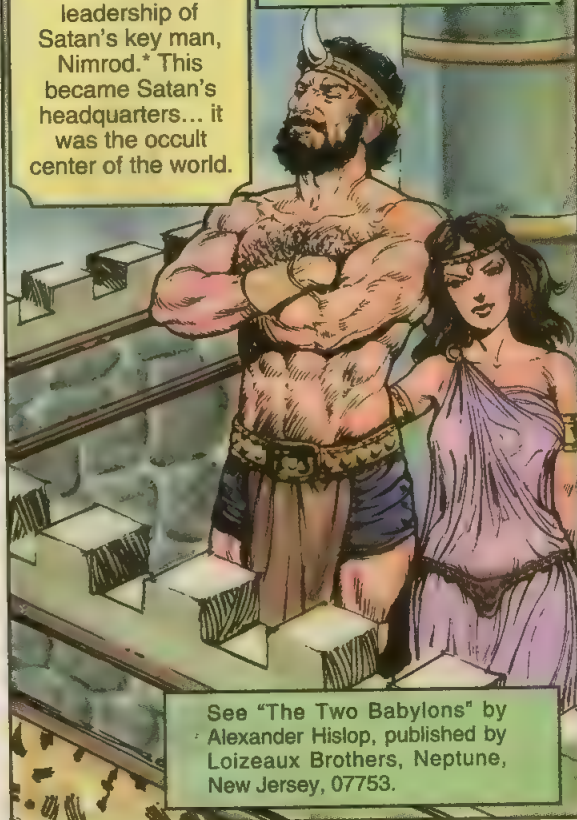
Everyone looked for someone who talked the way they did. When they found someone, they stayed together and eventually took off in different directions.



Some groups went into Africa; others into Asia and Europe, etc. This is how the nations began.

Those who stayed behind in the city of Babylon came under the leadership of Satan's key man, Nimrod.* This became Satan's headquarters... it was the occult center of the world.

*Nimrod was the son of Cush and Semiramis... later, Nimrod married his mother.



See "The Two Babylons" by Alexander Hislop, published by Loizeaux Brothers, Neptune, New Jersey, 07753.

They had a think-tank of evil. They were just as smart as any man alive today. They planned a super-religion (without God) to control the populations of the world.

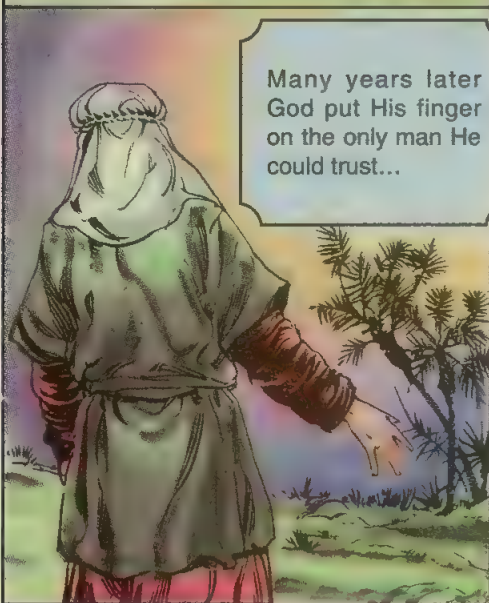


What they cooked up was so well planned that today it is in every country in the world under different religious names. It was Satan's masterpiece to destroy the souls of religious men.*

*See Crusader story #9, "Angel of Light," by Chick Publications.

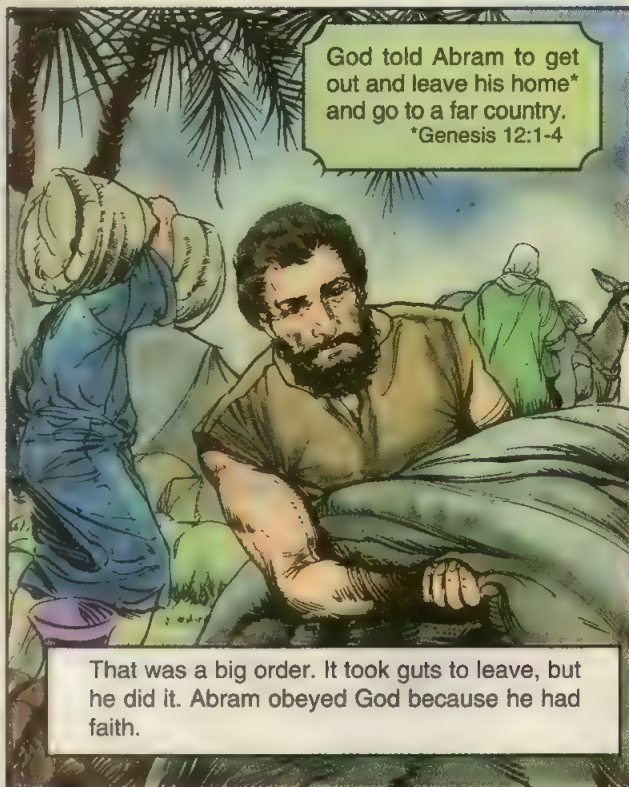
A spiritual darkness covered the world.

Many years later
God put His finger
on the only man He
could trust...



His name was Abram. His home town was a religious mess. Sex was one of their gods. Satan was setting them up for hell.

God told Abram to get out and leave his home* and go to a far country.
*Genesis 12:1-4



That was a big order. It took guts to leave, but he did it. Abram obeyed God because he had faith.

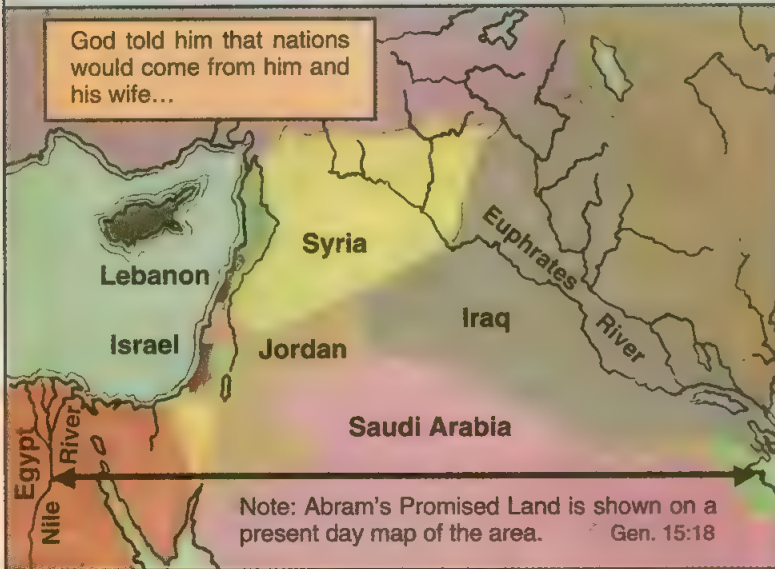
He took his wife, Sarai, and his nephew, Lot, and some others. From then on he lived in tents and moved from place to place.



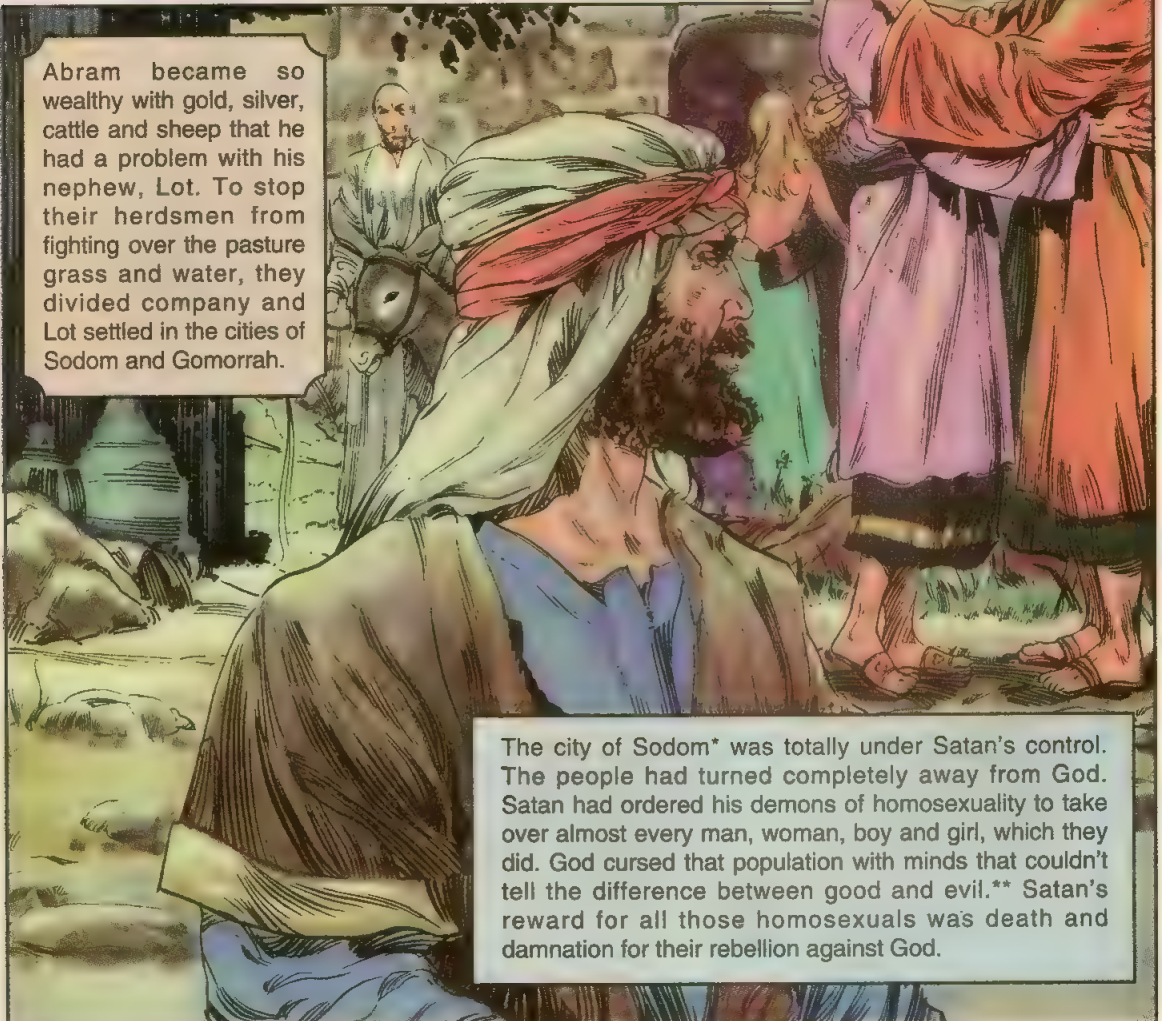
God blessed him because of his obedience. And in time, he became rich* and powerful... but he was far from home.
*Genesis 13:2

God showed Abram all the land He was going to give him and his offspring. It was mind-blowing because he had no children... his wife had a problem. She couldn't have any babies.

God told him that nations would come from him and his wife...



Abram became so wealthy with gold, silver, cattle and sheep that he had a problem with his nephew, Lot. To stop their herdsmen from fighting over the pasture grass and water, they divided company and Lot settled in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.



The city of Sodom* was totally under Satan's control. The people had turned completely away from God. Satan had ordered his demons of homosexuality to take over almost every man, woman, boy and girl, which they did. God cursed that population with minds that couldn't tell the difference between good and evil.** Satan's reward for all those homosexuals was death and damnation for their rebellion against God.

*Sodomy comes from this word.

**Reprobate mind (Romans 1:28)

God knew what was going on in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Every act,* every thought,** and every word*** they said was being recorded... just like today. Everything was being recorded for the day of judgment.

*Matt. 10:26; **Psalm 94:11; ***Matt. 12:36



Lot was upset by their filthy behavior.* Lot was the only straight person in the entire city. Sodom was doomed. But first, God had to get Lot out of there to protect him.

*II Peter 2:7,8

The Lord Jesus* sent two angels to pull Lot and his family out of the city before blasting it off the face of the earth.



The two angels stayed all night in Lot's house.

*Judgment is in the hands of Christ.
(John 5:22)

As soon as it was dark, the streets were filled with those homosexuals demanding that Lot send out the visitors so they could rape them.

Send them out that we might know them!



The angels blinded the mob, so they finally gave up and went home.



The next morning, Lot, his wife, and two of his daughters were dragged out of the city against their will.

Genesis 19:15,16

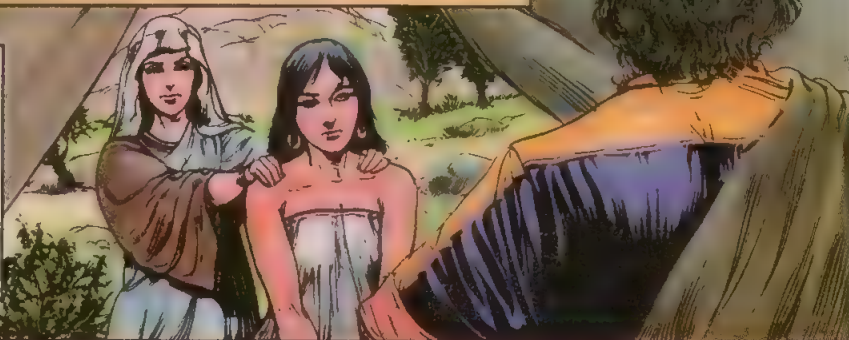


Right after that, the city
was wiped out with fire and
brimstone from heaven.*
Only three people made it
out to safety. (A picture of
the U.S. in the future?) It is
estimated that over 10% of
our population are homo-
sexuals... and proud of it!
God help us!

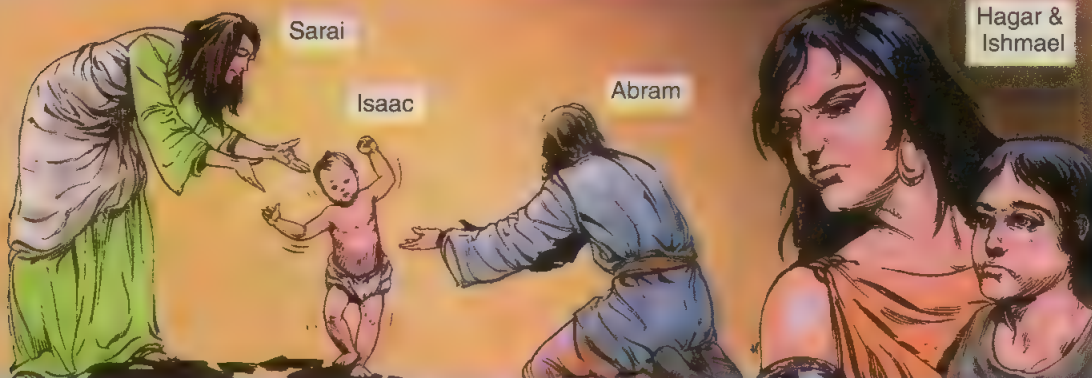


Abram's wife, Sarai, was really upset because the baby that God promised them hadn't come yet... so she came up with an idea to **help God out**. If she was too old to have a baby, her maid could have the baby for her... so she gave her Egyptian maid named Hagar to her husband so Abram and Hagar could produce the baby... and that's what they did. And we are paying for that act of rebellion today.

Hagar gave birth to Ishmael (the father of the Arabs). Little did Sarai know that her act of sin would cause World War III many years later. (But Satan did.)



But the Lord didn't forget His promise... when Abram's wife was 90 years old she conceived and God gave her a baby. It was a miracle! Abram became the proud daddy of a baby boy whom they named Isaac.*



God then re-named Abram and called him Abraham** and Sarai was re-named Sarah.*** From those two children, Isaac and Ishmael, came nations and kings, and many wars even until today.

*Isaac means "laughter" because Abram and Sarai both laughed when God told them a baby was coming at their old age.

** Abraham means "father of multitudes."

*** Sarah means "princess."

Isaac became the father of Jacob. Jacob had 12 sons. Later, God changed his name to Israel.* These sons became the 12 tribes of Israel.**

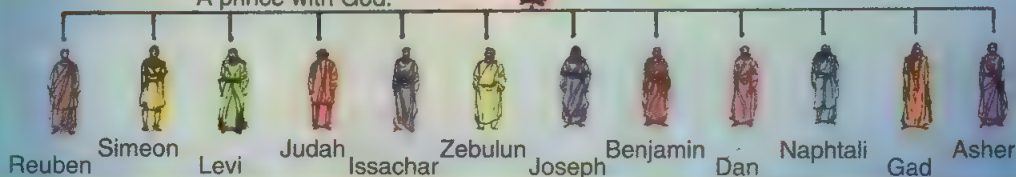
**Gen. 49:1-28

Isaac

Jacob (Israel)

God said to Abraham, "I will bless them that bless thee; and curse him that curseth thee." (Gen. 12:3) This was repeated to Jacob. (Gen. 27:29b)

"A prince with God."



Were they all God-fearing men? No! Only one of them, and his name was Joseph.

Satan hated Joseph because he was righteous. Joseph obeyed God. His father, Jacob, loved him more than all his brothers.

Joseph always told the truth regardless of the cost, and his brothers hated him for it.

God sent dreams to Joseph telling him that one day his entire family would bow down to him.

For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and behold your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

(Gen. 37:7)

That **really** made his brothers mad. Who was this little creep that they should bow down to him? He was a trouble-maker. Satan turned their hatred to murder. They wanted Joseph dead.

One day Joseph came alone to his brothers who were out in the fields with their sheep.

A caravan was passing by and Joseph's brothers came up with the idea of selling Joseph to the men in the caravan rather than having his blood on their hands.

So his brothers sold him as a slave for 20 pieces of silver.* They were happy about it... so was Satan.

*Gen. 37:28

Interesting note: Jesus was sold for 30 pieces of silver.* *Matt. 27:9

Now they had to lie to their father. They told him that little Joseph was killed by a wild animal. They put blood on his coat and showed it to Jacob.

My son,
my son!

Their father was heart-broken and wept over his son's death. He was never happy again. It made his brothers feel guilty every day about what they had done to Joseph.

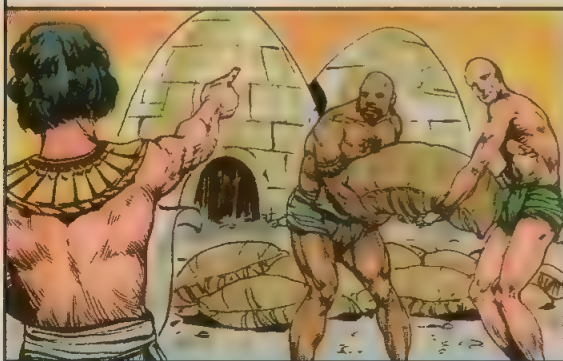
This was their big chance to kill him. They already had it planned, but their oldest brother talked them out of it... so they threw Joseph into a deep pit instead.

The caravan took Joseph down to Egypt and sold him to a very big man in the Egyptian army.

I'll buy him from you.

He was the captain over Pharaoh's personal guard. The man's name was Potiphar.

God put Joseph into the house of this Egyptian. Everything Joseph touched made money for his master, both in his house and in his fields.



God blessed Potiphar for Joseph's sake, and Potiphar knew that God was with Joseph. Soon Joseph was running Potiphar's house for him. He had complete trust in Joseph.

Satan moved again. This time it was through Potiphar's wife.

I'll fix Joseph for ignoring me!



She framed Joseph on a phony rape charge and he went to prison. He was completely innocent. This same technique is being used on God's *true* servants today.

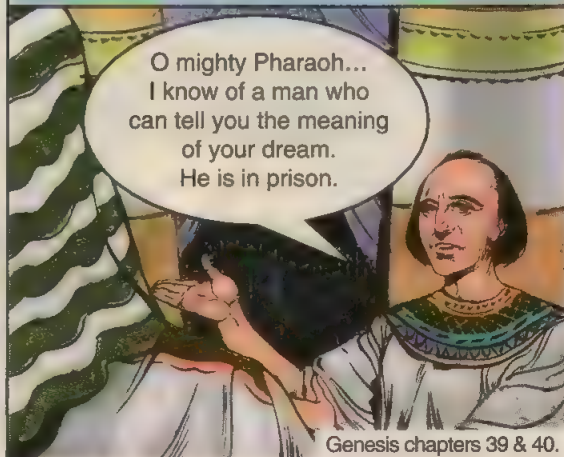
Two other men were also in prison because they had offended Pharaoh. They were his butler and his baker. They were afraid...



Both had a dream and Joseph told them what their dreams meant: the baker would be put to death and the butler would go back to serving Pharaoh. And it happened just that way.

Two years later, Joseph was still in prison and mighty Pharaoh had a mysterious dream that troubled him. No one could tell him what his dream meant. Pharaoh's butler heard about it and remembered that when he was in prison, Joseph had explained his dream to him — and it came true. The butler told Pharaoh about Joseph.

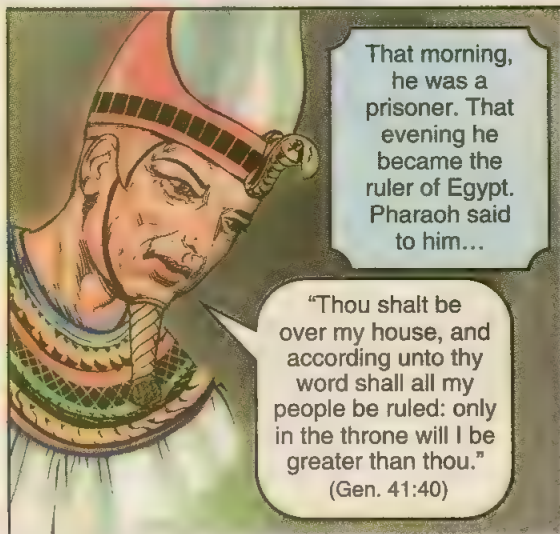
O mighty Pharaoh... I know of a man who can tell you the meaning of your dream. He is in prison.



Genesis chapters 39 & 40.

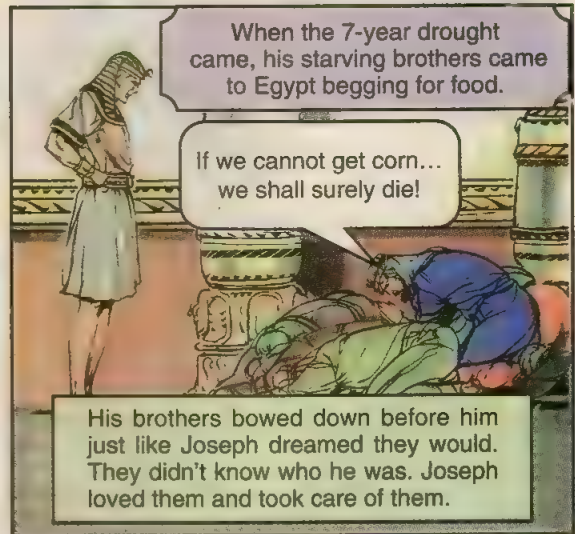


Joseph explained that it meant that the world, including Egypt, would be hit by a horrible 7-year drought, but first there would be 7 good years with plenty of corn. He suggested that Pharaoh put someone in charge of storing up the surplus corn so that they could survive the coming drought. Even Pharaoh knew God was with Joseph. He put Joseph in charge of protecting Egypt and its economy.



That morning, he was a prisoner. That evening he became the ruler of Egypt. Pharaoh said to him...

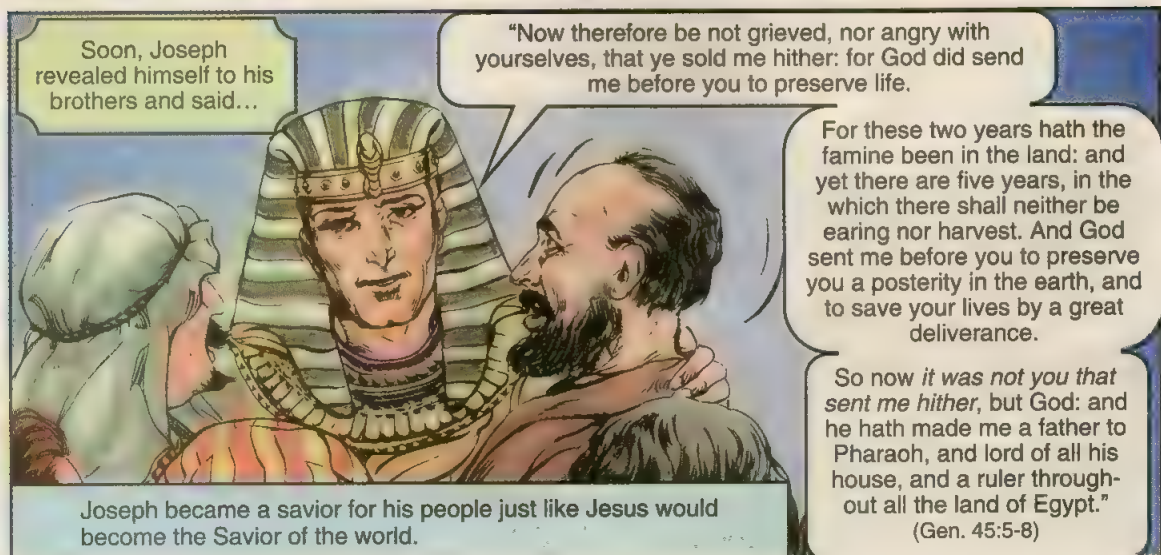
"Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou."
(Gen. 41:40)



When the 7-year drought came, his starving brothers came to Egypt begging for food.

If we cannot get corn... we shall surely die!

His brothers bowed down before him just like Joseph dreamed they would. They didn't know who he was. Joseph loved them and took care of them.



Soon, Joseph revealed himself to his brothers and said...

"Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

So now it was *not* you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt."
(Gen. 45:5-8)

Joseph became a savior for his people just like Jesus would become the Savior of the world.

Now let's watch an amazing Bible prophecy be fulfilled.

Remember Abraham? He was Joseph's great-grandfather. (See pages 20-24) The Bible tells us that God gave Abraham a vision (a prophecy) that said: "... know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years." (Genesis 15:13)

(Now we will see how it came to pass just exactly as God said it would.)

Joseph had long since died. The children of Israel (the Jews) had multiplied into about 3 million people. Egypt was worried about this exploding population. The new Pharaoh called it "his Jewish problem," and Pharaoh was taking orders from Satan. The children of Israel were made slaves of the Egyptians.

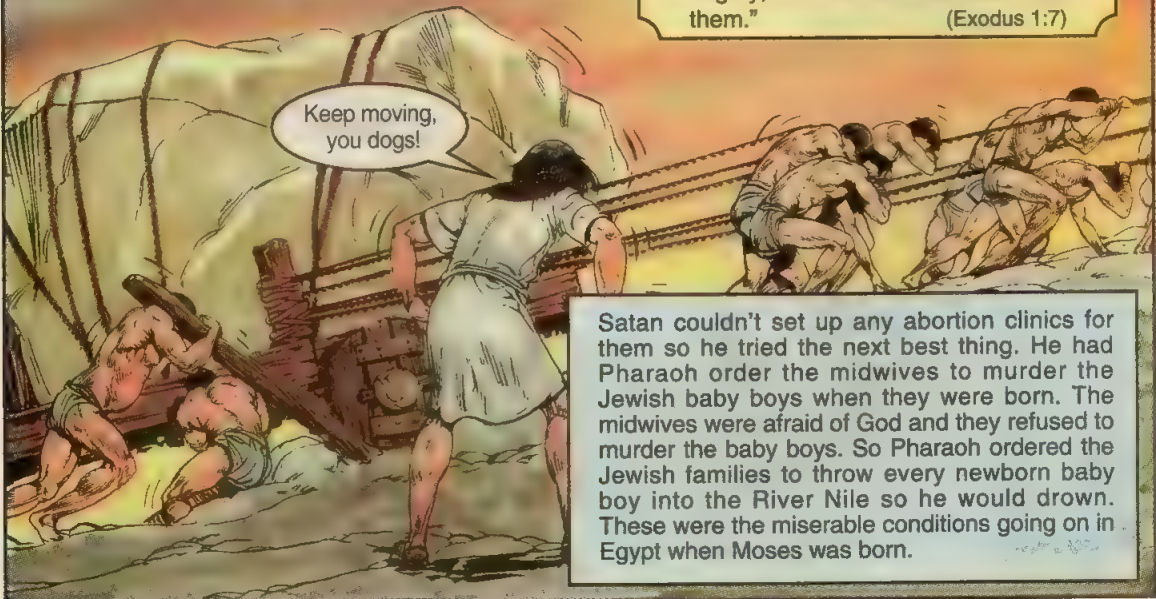
Satan was no dummy. He knew that at some point in time his deadliest enemy, Jesus, would leave heaven and come to this planet and become a man. Satan knew that Jesus would be born in a Jewish home. So the only answer was for Satan to knock off the entire Israeli race... which he tried to do in Egypt.



The Jews were a strong people because they were doing back-breaking work.

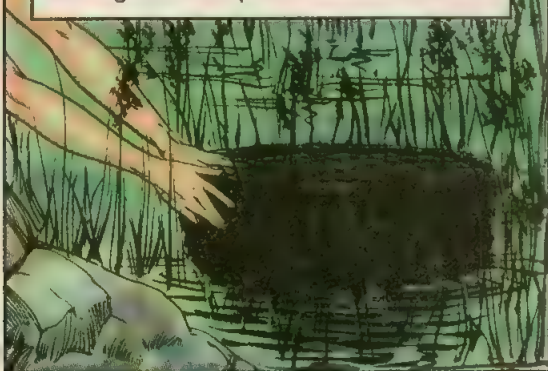
"And children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them." (Exodus 1:7)

Keep moving, you dogs!

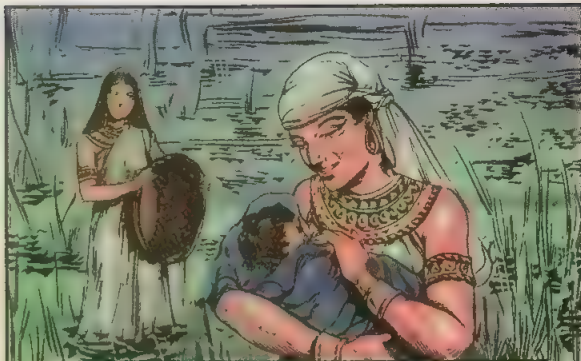


Satan couldn't set up any abortion clinics for them so he tried the next best thing. He had Pharaoh order the midwives to murder the Jewish baby boys when they were born. The midwives were afraid of God and they refused to murder the baby boys. So Pharaoh ordered the Jewish families to throw every newborn baby boy into the River Nile so he would drown. These were the miserable conditions going on in Egypt when Moses was born.

When Moses was a baby, his mother put him in a little ark (or basket) covered with tar and hid him in the Nile River among the water plants... Exodus 2:3

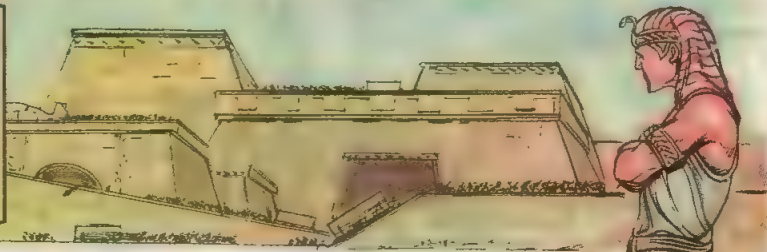


Little Moses was found by Pharaoh's daughter and she raised him as her own son... he got the best teachers in the world.



Moses grew up to be a big wheel in Egyptian politics. He was a member of Pharaoh's family.

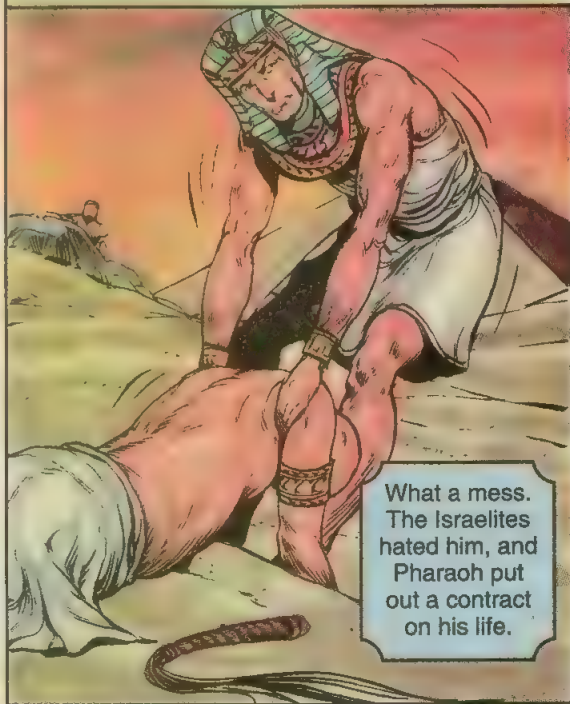
He was in charge of building cities using Jewish slaves.



Moses couldn't stand the way the Jews were being treated like dogs. He knew he was also a Jew.



Moses felt called of God to deliver his people from this oppression. His mistake was in trying to do it himself, instead of with God's guidance. In anger, Moses killed an Egyptian for beating an Israeli.* He hid the body in the sand, but he was being watched. Word got out, and Moses had to run for his life.**



What a mess. The Israelites hated him, and Pharaoh put out a contract on his life.

*Exodus 2:11, 12

**Exodus 2:15

Moses crossed a burning desert and traveled alone for about 800 miles to a place called Midian.



He was 40 years old when he got there.

God kept Moses there for *40 more years*... it was a hard time for Moses. God showed him that his college degree from the Egyptian schools was worthless. God would now re-train Moses.

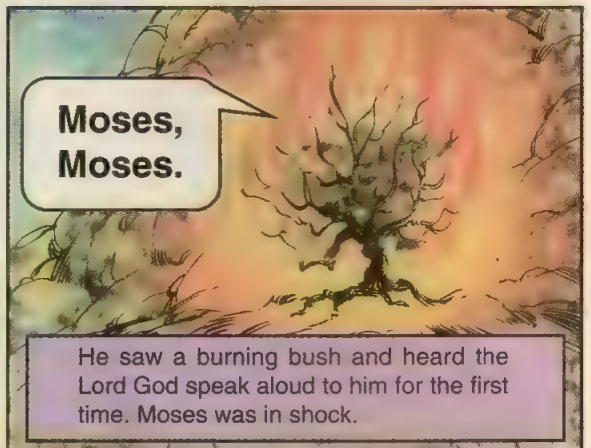


In Egypt it was a no-no for any Egyptian to be a shepherd... Moses ended up taking care of a flock of sheep for his father-in-law. God broke him. Only now could the Lord Jesus use him.



Moses thought he had lost his mind one day...

**Moses,
Moses.**



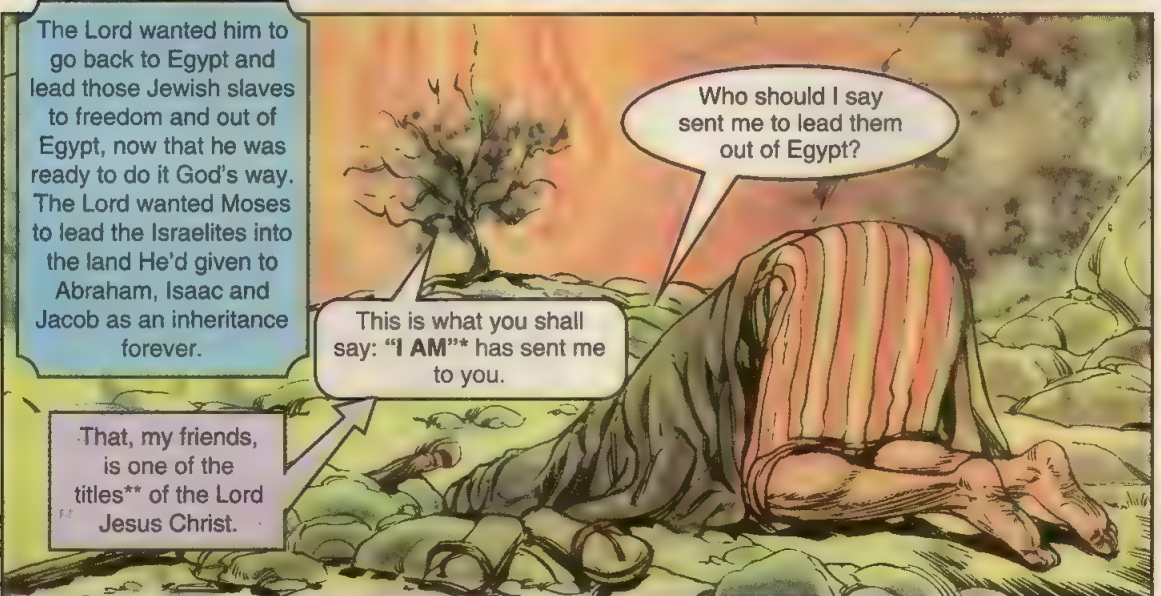
He saw a burning bush and heard the Lord God speak aloud to him for the first time. Moses was in shock.

The Lord wanted him to go back to Egypt and lead those Jewish slaves to freedom and out of Egypt, now that he was ready to do it God's way. The Lord wanted Moses to lead the Israelites into the land He'd given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as an inheritance forever.

This is what you shall say: "**I AM**"* has sent me to you.

Who should I say sent me to lead them out of Egypt?

That, my friends, is one of the titles** of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Moses went back to Egypt... and nobody wanted him. The Jews didn't trust him and Pharaoh hated him. He told Pharaoh that the Lord God wanted the Israelites to leave Egypt. Pharaoh thought Moses was crazy.

So God sent 10 plagues upon Egypt, one at a time, until Pharaoh gave up and let the Jews go with Moses. The plagues destroyed Egypt as a world power.

Remember the evil religious system set up back in Babylon? (See page 20) Well, it was doing very well in Egypt under different names, all controlled by Satan.



Who is the Lord that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go!

These are some of the gods of Egypt:

- People were sacrificed to crocodiles in the Nile River – turning the water red with blood..
- Flies, frogs, locusts and cattle were worshiped as gods."
- There was Serapis, a goddess they prayed to when they had boils.
- There was a goddess of the sky called Nut. Also the goddess, Isis, was involved with Seth, another god in protecting the crops.
- The sun god, Horus, gave them light.

"Moses and the Gods of Egypt," by John J. Davis, published by Baker Book House, 1971.

Now watch how the Lord Jesus blasted the gods of Egypt with the following 10 plagues.

"And the Lord spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood;..." Exodus 7:19

The first plague strikes Egypt...

"And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt." Exodus 7:21



The 2nd Plague

God sent frogs to cover the land of Egypt.

And the frogs even went upon Pharaoh's bed. Exodus 8:3

Pharaoh promised Moses that he would let Israel go, if Moses got rid of the frogs.

The frogs died. They were gathered in heaps and the land stank – and Pharaoh refused to let the children go. His heart was hardened.

Exodus 8:14

The 3rd Plague

The dust of Egypt became lice.

I can't stand it!

The magicians of Pharaoh, through enchantments, turned water into blood. They could also bring up frogs... but they couldn't bring forth lice.

This is the finger of God!

And Pharaoh's heart was hardened.

The 4th Plague

Swarms of flies covered Egypt.

Where's Moses?

And land was corrupted by reason of the swarms of flies. Exodus 8:24

But in the area of Egypt that the Israelites lived (the land of Goshen) there were no flies.

The 5th Plague

A grievous murrain struck the horses, sheep, camels and oxen (a form of anthrax). Exodus 9:3

And all the cattle died.

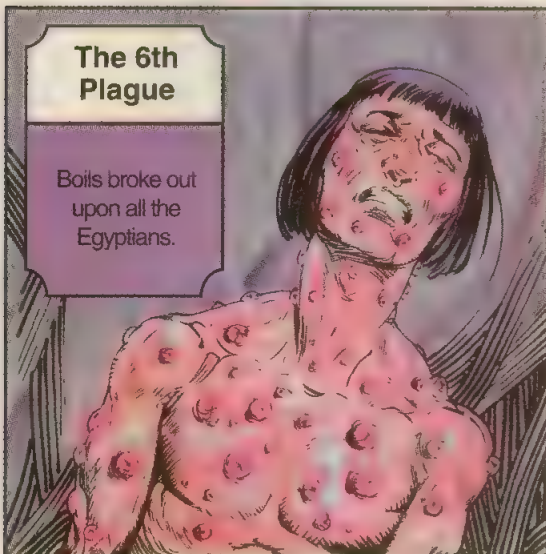
But of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one.

Exodus 9:6



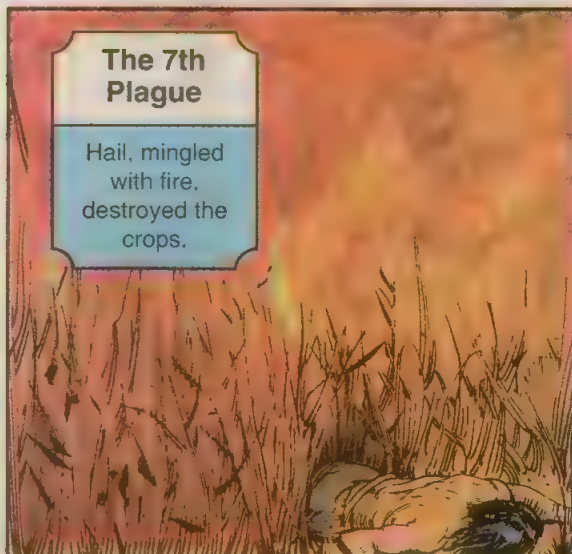
The 6th Plague

Boils broke out upon all the Egyptians.



The 7th Plague

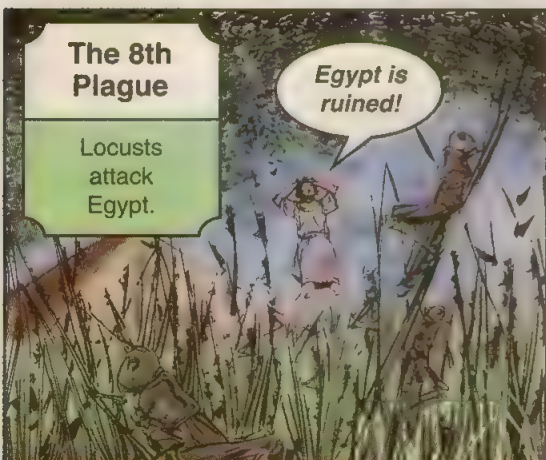
Hail, mingled with fire, destroyed the crops.



The 8th Plague

Locusts attack Egypt.

Egypt is ruined!



Anything the hail didn't destroy, the locusts finished off.

The 9th Plague

Darkness over the land: for 3 days and 3 nights, darkness that could be felt.

Moses... go get Moses!

Later Pharaoh again refused to let the children of Israel go.

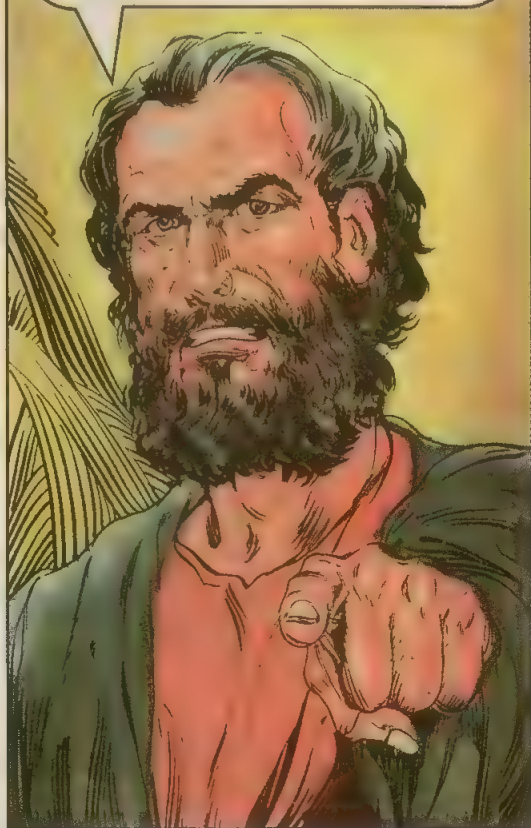
Preparation for the Passover... the final plague

The Lord instructed the Israelites to borrow of their neighbors, jewels of silver and gold.



And the Lord gave them favor in the sight of the Egyptians – the Egyptians considered Moses a very great man.

“... Thus saith the Lord, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.” Exodus 11:4-5



Every Jewish house shall take a lamb without blemish...

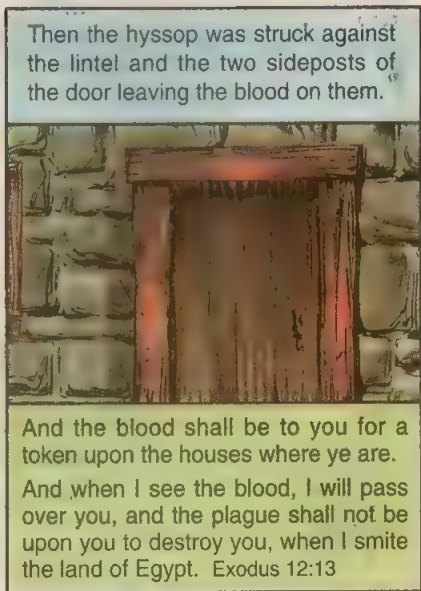


and shall kill it – it shall be the Passover lamb.

The blood of the lamb is put into a basin – and a bunch of hyssop was dipped into the blood.



Then the hyssop was struck against the lintel and the two sideposts of the door leaving the blood on them.



And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:13

The Lord Jesus Christ was ready to smash Egypt. He saw the lamb sacrificed for the Passover. He looked into the future when He Himself, the Creator of the universe, would become the sacrifice for the sins of the world.*
*1 John 2:2

That night the families joined together in their homes and ate the roasted lamb, the unleavened bread and bitter herbs, as the Lord had directed.



They were frightened. They made sure the blood was on their doors* so that they would escape the awful coming judgment.

*Exodus 12:7, 23

Screams were heard throughout that night as the Lord Jesus* passed through Egypt. The firstborn in every Egyptian home died. It was a nightmare. Even the firstborn of all the cattle were hit. The Egyptians were terrified.

O great goddess Isis, help us...

Nooo! He's dead!

Nooo!...

When the Lord Jesus saw a house, He looked for the blood on the front door... if He saw the blood, He passed over the house and the firstborn was allowed to live...this is why it is called "Passover."

The palace of Pharaoh was hit... the destroying angel killed Pharaoh's only son who was the main god of the Egyptian people. What a blow to Egypt. The Lord had wiped out the only heir to the throne.

Mighty Pharaoh, if you don't send them away right now, we will all die.

Send for Moses!

In the middle of the night, Moses comes to the palace.

"...get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as ye have said."

*Exodus 12:31

Under orders from Pharaoh, the children of Israel departed from Egypt after serving them for 400 years... thus fulfilling the prophecy God gave Abraham."

*Genesis 15:13

Get out!

It's time to go!

Where's mama?

"It is a night to be much observed unto the Lord for bringing them out from the land of Egypt. This is that night of the Lord to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations."

(Exodus 12:42)

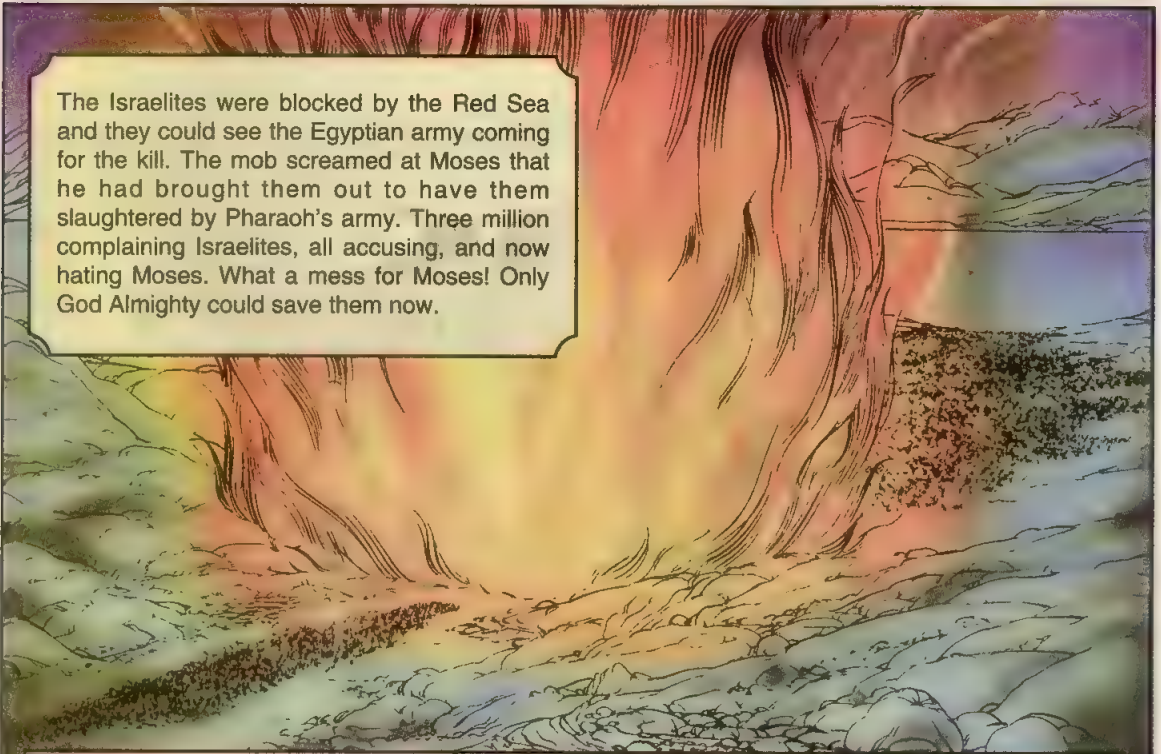
Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt... around 3 million people and their animals.



Pharaoh was boiling mad. He hated Moses as much as the devil did.

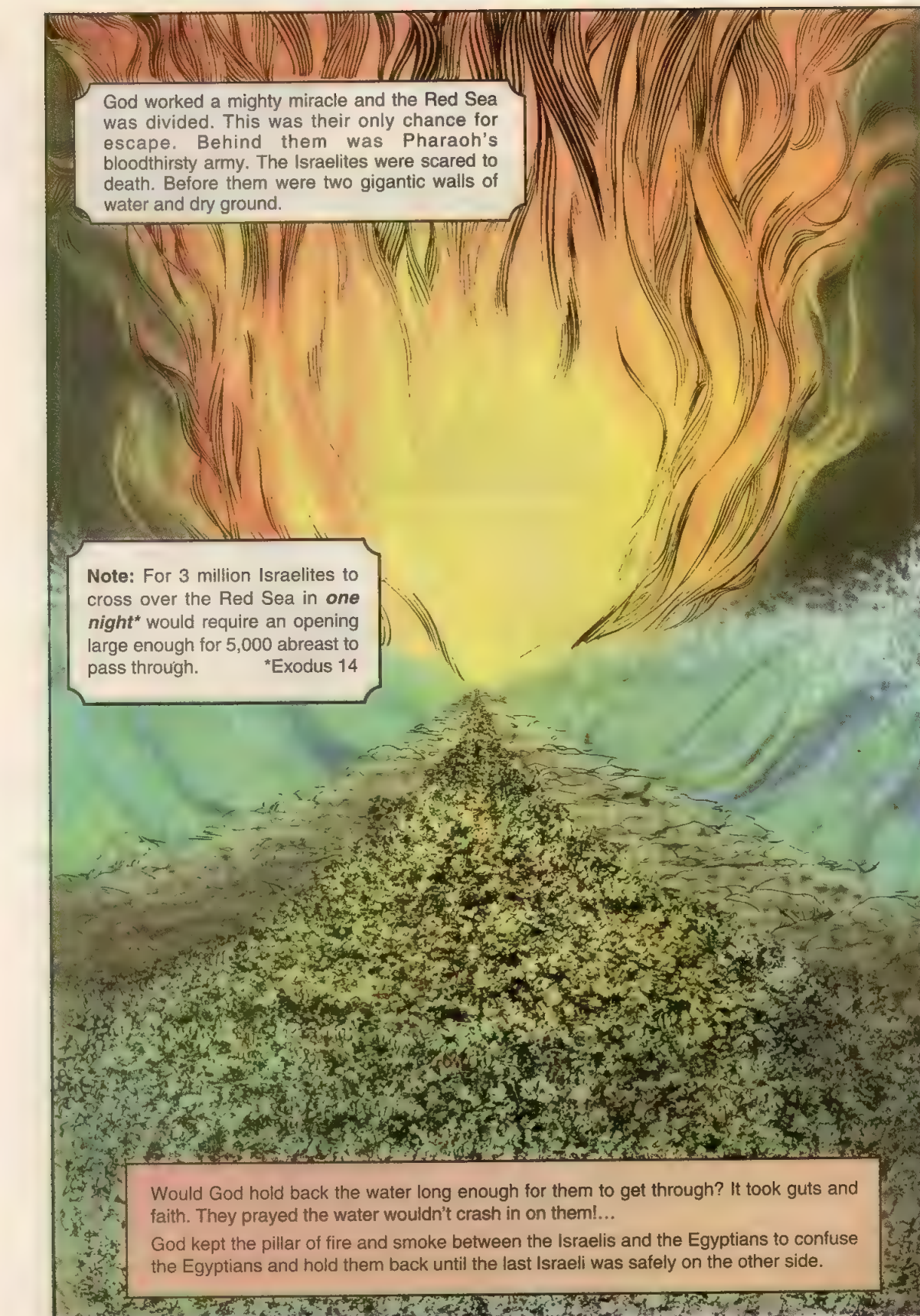
Satan directed Pharaoh to change his mind again and send his army against the Israelites to destroy them all in the wilderness.

The Israelites were blocked by the Red Sea and they could see the Egyptian army coming for the kill. The mob screamed at Moses that he had brought them out to have them slaughtered by Pharaoh's army. Three million complaining Israelites, all accusing, and now hating Moses. What a mess for Moses! Only God Almighty could save them now.



Then God Almighty, the Lord Jesus, appeared as a pillar of fire between the Egyptians and the children of Israel... Pharaoh couldn't get to them. The Israelites were terrified. In faith, believing God... Moses stood by the sea. He lifted up his rod and stretched forth his hand and ordered the Israelites to stand still and watch the salvation of the Lord... and immediately the Lord sent a mighty east wind. It blew all night long, and made the sea dry land.*

*Exodus 14:21



God worked a mighty miracle and the Red Sea was divided. This was their only chance for escape. Behind them was Pharaoh's bloodthirsty army. The Israelites were scared to death. Before them were two gigantic walls of water and dry ground.

Note: For 3 million Israelites to cross over the Red Sea in ***one night**** would require an opening large enough for 5,000 abreast to pass through. *Exodus 14

Would God hold back the water long enough for them to get through? It took guts and faith. They prayed the water wouldn't crash in on them!...

God kept the pillar of fire and smoke between the Israelis and the Egyptians to confuse the Egyptians and hold them back until the last Israeli was safely on the other side.

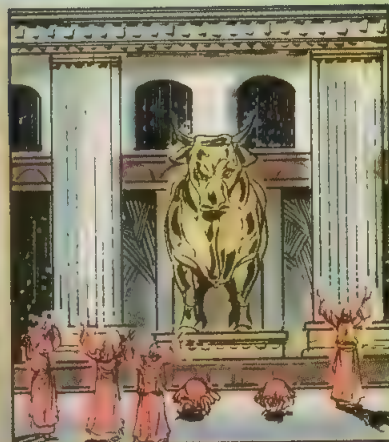
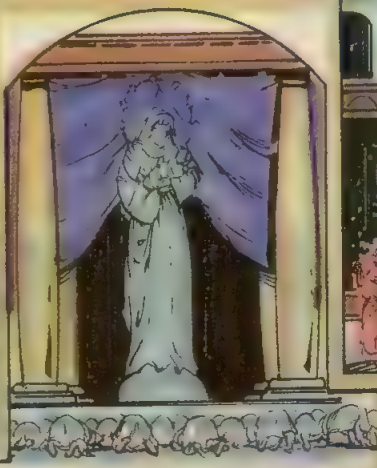
Now was the time for God's awful judgment on Pharaoh and his army. God moved the pillar. They drove like mad into the valley in the water, trying to catch the Israelites. The chariot wheels snapped — horses fell. The entire army was bogged down between two great walls of water and then... the Lord Jesus commanded the waters to close. They did, and Egypt lost its king and its army in the churning sea.



Egypt was destroyed. The crops were gone, the economy was bankrupt because they had given the Israelites most of their gold and silver. All the firstborn were dead, (including their flocks and herds) and all the mighty men of Egypt were gone. The government no longer existed. It was total disaster for Egypt. It never recovered.

The wilderness journey

God had called His chosen people out of Egypt... they were to be a light to the world. Remember, the whole world was in spiritual darkness except for the Israelites. The evil religious system set up by Nimrod back in Babylon was now world-wide. Every nation or tribe on earth was into a form of devil worship as their organized religion. (Just like today.)



Religion is Satan's business, and more people will go to hell through religion than any other means. Now let's watch how God's people would act before the world as the Lord's ambassadors.

We were better off as slaves.

We're going to die out here! It's an evil plot by Moses.

I tell you, Moses is crazy... how are we going to feed our families out here?

At least we had water in Egypt.

I wish I was back home... I hate this place!

Moses was now stuck with about 3 million rebellious, complaining, stiff-necked Israelites in a hot, barren desert with no food or water.

The Lord loved them* and supplied them with water and sent them food from heaven called "manna" for 40 years.

*Ex. 34:6, 7 ** Ex. 16:4, 5



It was like a little cookie that tasted like honey. It was a perfect food that kept them healthy... there was no disease in the camp.

Note: The total amount of food for 3 million people for 40 years was about 58,400,000 tons. The amount of water was over 160 billion gallons. (That's love!)

Poor Moses was worn out. He listened to their complaints all day every day.



Moses, this can not go on this way.

My neighbor stole my coat... and their dog bit my son.

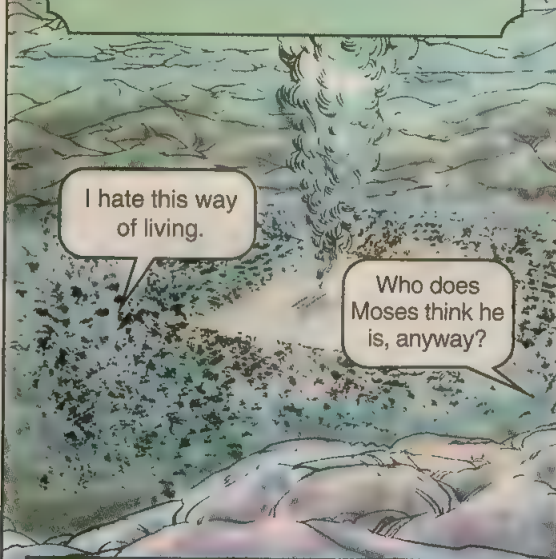
That a lie! She stole my bracelet. It was gold.

Shut up... my son can show Moses the bite.

His father-in-law* told Moses to use good men to help him out and bring order out of chaos, which he did.

Ex. 18:13-27

They sat in their tents and wished they were back in Egypt. They soon got sick of Moses and the manna from heaven.



I hate this way of living.

Who does Moses think he is, anyway?

The Lord was a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to protect them. When the cloud moved, they folded up their tents and followed. Their destination was the Holy Land... God was training them to obey Him and they wanted no part of it.

All the nations knew about the children of Israel being in the desert with their God, and what the Lord had done to Egypt.



If those Jews and their God attack us, we are dead!

Our armies would be useless against them.

They lived in dread of the Israelites.

On Mt. Sinai,
God gave Moses
commandments for
the people of Israel to
follow. He wanted a
holy and God-fearing
people who would
obey Him.

Thou shalt have no
other gods before me!
Thou shalt not steal.

*See Exodus 20:3-17.

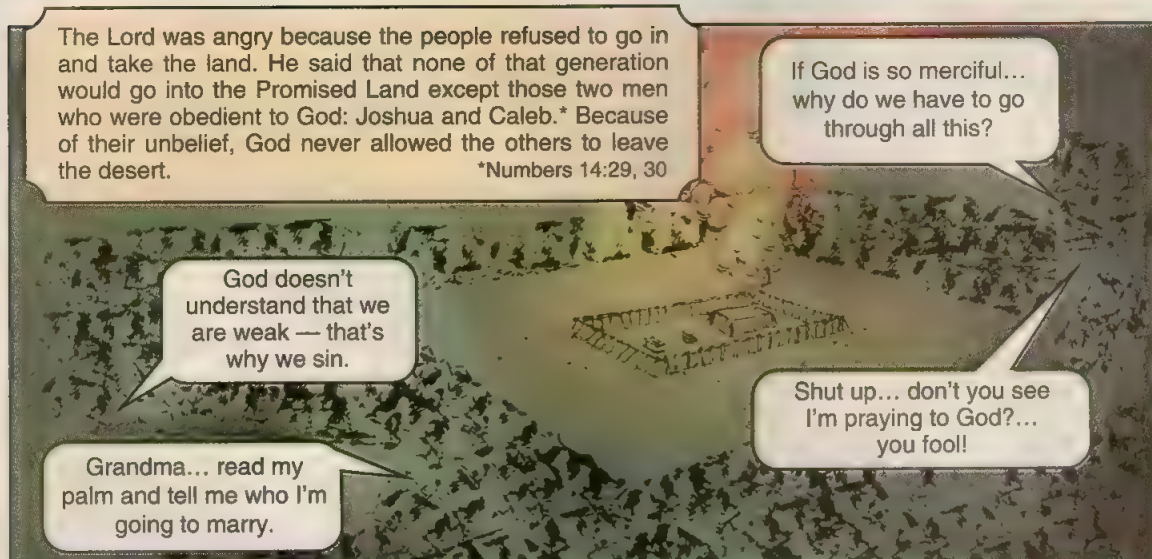
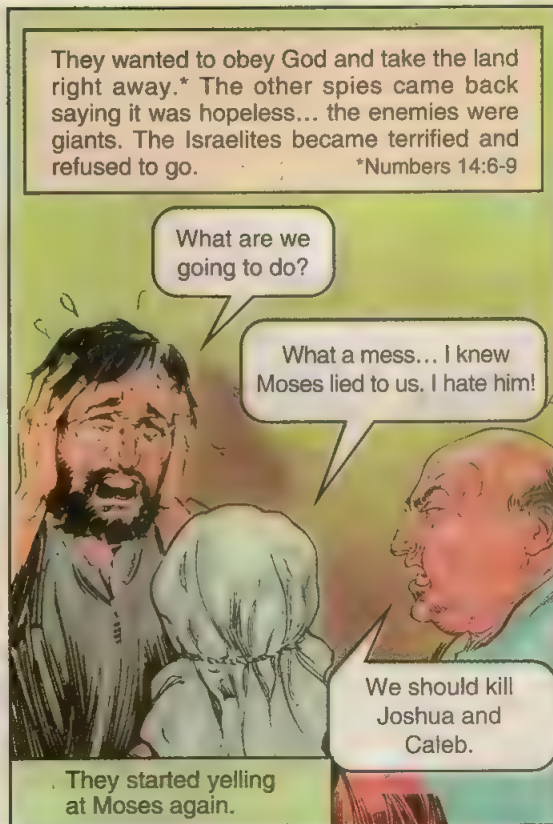
Moses spent 40 nights and days with
God up in the mountain, and then the
Lord gave Moses laws for the children of
Israel to protect them... laws on how to
live, what to eat, how to keep clean, how
to sacrifice, and what was evil in the
sight of the Lord. He warned them not to
inter-marry with other people or they
would become corrupted both physically
and spiritually. While Moses was up
there, the children of Israel started
worshipping one of the gods of Egypt.

Satan was controlling
the mob. It turned into
one big orgy* like
Sodom and
Gomorrah... they
forgot about God.

*A wild sex party.



Moses came off the mountain and was outraged at their rebellion. The Lord was fed up with the people. He was ready to destroy Israel, but Moses begged God not to kill them, and God held back His anger.

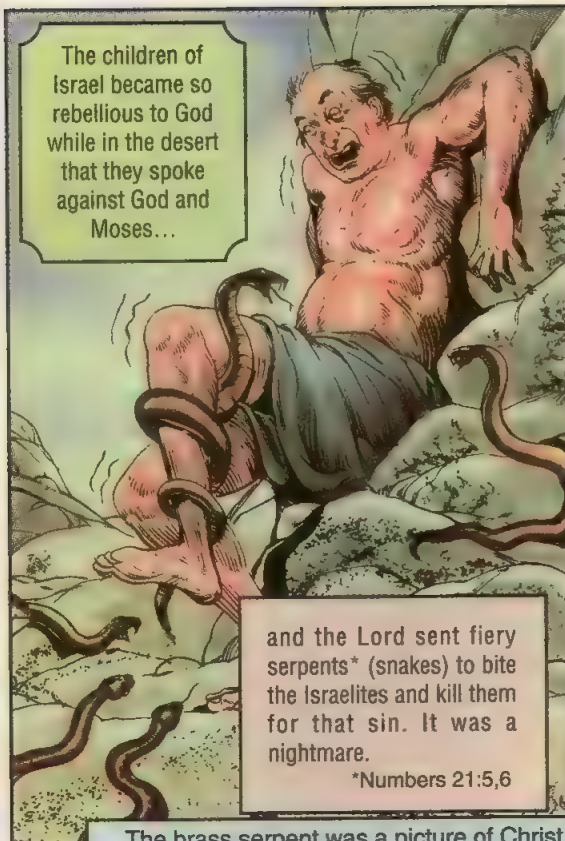


Note: We have seen a picture of God's people in the Old Testament, but they were also a snapshot of God's people today. I am not talking about unbelieving and rebellious people who don't believe the Bible, or so-called Christian churches like Rome.* But Bible-believing, saved, born-again believers in Christ who are sending people to hell just by the hypocritical, two-faced way they are living. We are as bad a witness to the world today, as the rebellious Jews were in the desert... there is **no** difference. Very seldom do you see a Christian who will obey God and be sold out to Christ. God forgive us! We will stand before Christ to give an answer for the rebellious way we've lived.**

See II Cor. 5:10

*See "Alberto," Crusaders #12

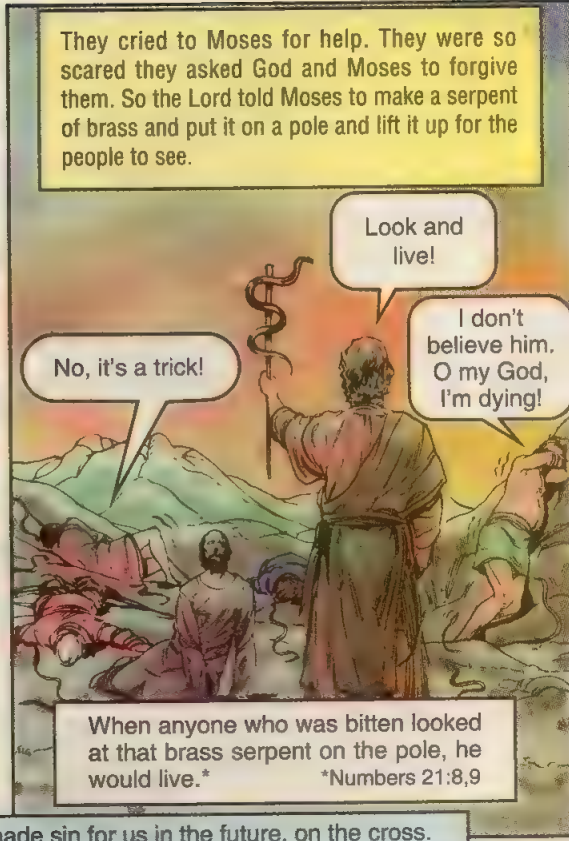
**1 Cor. 3:11-15; Heb. 4:11



The children of Israel became so rebellious to God while in the desert that they spoke against God and Moses...

and the Lord sent fiery serpents* (snakes) to bite the Israelites and kill them for that sin. It was a nightmare.

*Numbers 21:5,6



They cried to Moses for help. They were so scared they asked God and Moses to forgive them. So the Lord told Moses to make a serpent of brass and put it on a pole and lift it up for the people to see.

Look and live!

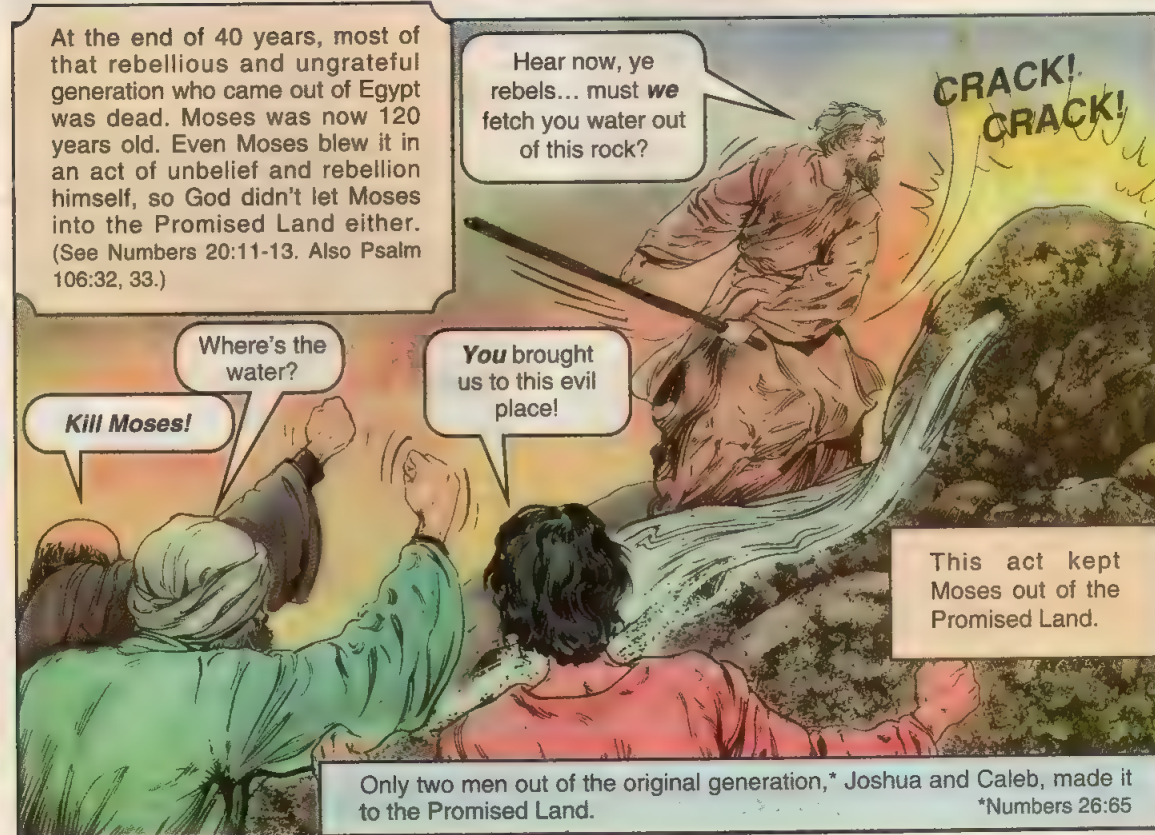
No, it's a trick!

I don't believe him. O my God, I'm dying!

When anyone who was bitten looked at that brass serpent on the pole, he would live.*

*Numbers 21:8,9

The brass serpent was a picture of Christ made sin for us in the future, on the cross.
(John 3:14)



At the end of 40 years, most of that rebellious and ungrateful generation who came out of Egypt was dead. Moses was now 120 years old. Even Moses blew it in an act of unbelief and rebellion himself, so God didn't let Moses into the Promised Land either. (See Numbers 20:11-13. Also Psalm 106:32, 33.)

Hear now, ye rebels... must **we** fetch you water out of this rock?

**CRACK!
CRACK!**

Where's the water?

Kill Moses!

You brought us to this evil place!

This act kept Moses out of the Promised Land.

Only two men out of the original generation,* Joshua and Caleb, made it to the Promised Land.

*Numbers 26:65

Moses died, and now it was time for Joshua to lead the second generation of Israelites into the Promised Land. They had become an army, and their job was to wipe out the evil people living in the Holy Land, and to clean it from idols and false gods.*

*Deuteronomy 7:1-10



The people living there were filled with syphilis and all kinds of diseases. Their animals were infected too. People offered their children in human sacrifices to their gods. God did not want the children of Israel contaminated by their filth. God demanded total separation from those people, to protect the Israelites.

After the Israelites crossed over the River Jordan, Joshua spent the rest of his life leading them in constant warfare with the inhabitants of the land.



When Joshua died, Israel rebelled against God. The Israelites went into spiritual darkness. Every man did that which was right in his own eyes... Satan was laughing at God's Chosen People who stopped fighting their enemies, and inter-married with tribes who worshipped the devil.

God let Israel fall into slavery but when they wept and repented and asked God to save them...

Jewish pigs... we'll show you how to suffer!

Oh, God, help us!

the Lord would raise up men and women* who would lead them out of slavery and back to serving the Lord again. As soon as that leader died, Israel would become rebellious again.

*Judges 4:4

The children of Israel didn't want God to rule them but demanded a king like all the other nations. So God gave them kings. Throughout their history only a very few of their leaders really obeyed God.

David was the greatest of all their kings, and Satan almost destroyed David with a woman named Bathsheba.* But David broke before the Lord, repented, and was forgiven. The history of the kings of Israel and Judah is one of almost total disaster.

*II Samuel chapters 11 & 12

Our new king is worse than the last one.

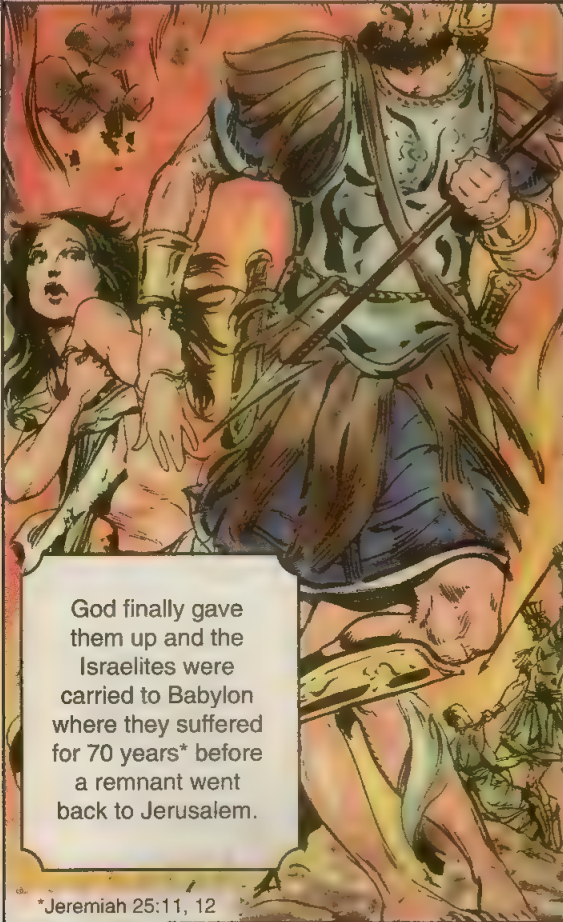
Out of the great numbers of Jews, God always had a small remnant* who loved and obeyed Him... it was through certain loyal ones that God directed the writing of the books of the Bible.

*Small number of people

Interesting note: Satan was so powerful that if he'd had his way, Israel would have become like the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. (Isaiah 1:9)

Thank God for the small number of believers that are faithful. That is the only thing that holds back God's awful judgment. (Just like today.)

God made certain conditions in His laws... He said He would bless Israel if they obeyed Him... if not, they would suffer. (Read Leviticus, Chapter 26. You can almost see Hitler's Holocaust in that chapter.)



God finally gave them up and the Israelites were carried to Babylon where they suffered for 70 years* before a remnant went back to Jerusalem.

*Jeremiah 25:11, 12

During this time God spoke to them through His prophets.



But for the most part, they hated their prophets. They killed most of them and served the devil instead. This was the picture of God's Chosen People in the Old Testament part of the Bible.



Only a handful were faithful.* Yet God, in His love, didn't forget them. He was about to send His only Son from heaven like His prophets said He would. *(Isaiah 10:20-22, Zephaniah 3:13)

This closes the Old Testament portion of the Bible.

From the time of Adam until the close of the Old Testament, millions had died. Where is their final destination? It's a terrible picture.

When Satan was thrown out of heaven, God prepared hell for the devil and his fallen angels*... and all those who rebelled against God!**

*Matthew 25:41

**Psalm 9:17

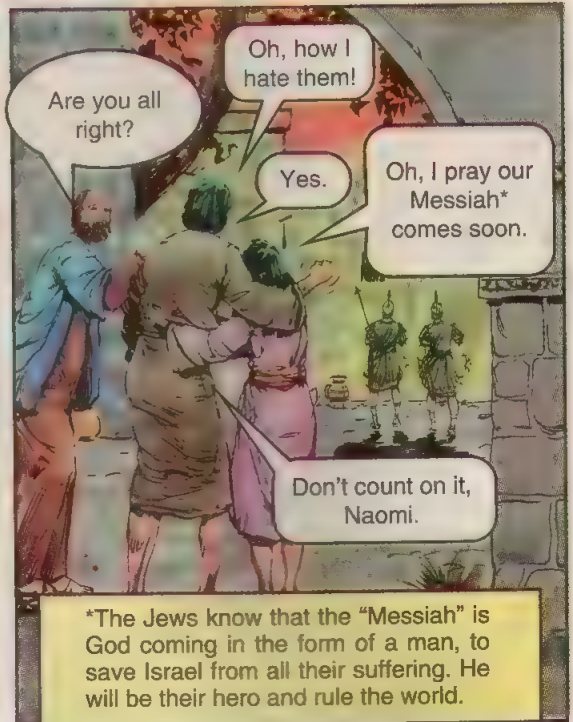
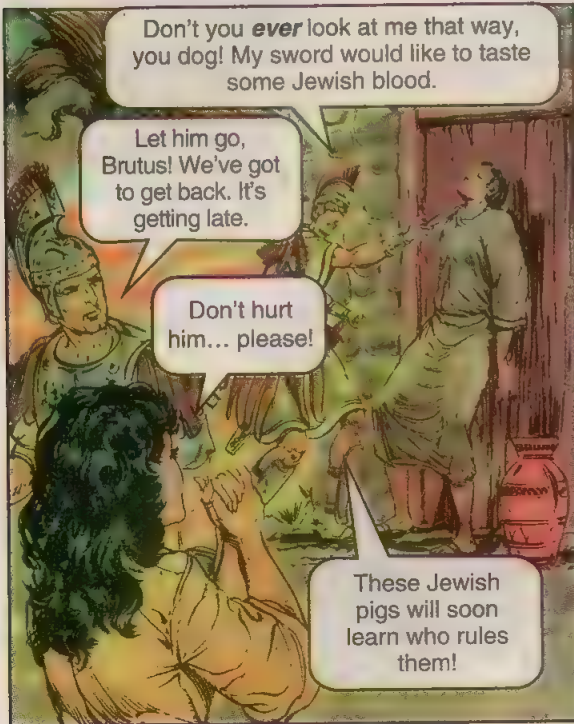
Only those few who obeyed God would miss it.

The number two Person in the Godhead... the Lord Jesus was now ready to leave heaven and come to this planet to be sacrificed for the sins of the world.

The thing Satan most dreaded was about to happen.

New Testament

Everyone was afraid of Roman soldiers. Jerusalem was under their absolute control. Israel was a beaten nation. Trodden down under the Greeks, the Persians, and now Rome. The armies of Rome were everywhere.



Roman soldiers stationed in the Holy Land hated the Jews and their strange customs. Like today, life was cheap... those were dark days.

The Jewish high priest was on the take. He was the great spiritual leader and a real phoney. He belonged to a secret society that believed in the Cabala* instead of the Holy Scriptures.



He had great wealth and power. He took his orders from Rome. The Jews were allowed to keep their religion. It was easier to rule them this way.

*Occult mysticism (numerology, astrology, etc.) learned at the seat of false religion in Babylon. (This was learned during the Jew's captivity there hundreds of years earlier, and by this time it had totally permeated Judaism.)

Rome had made Herod king over the Jews. It was his job to see that the Jews didn't riot or make waves. Herod was a shrewd politician, and a monster!

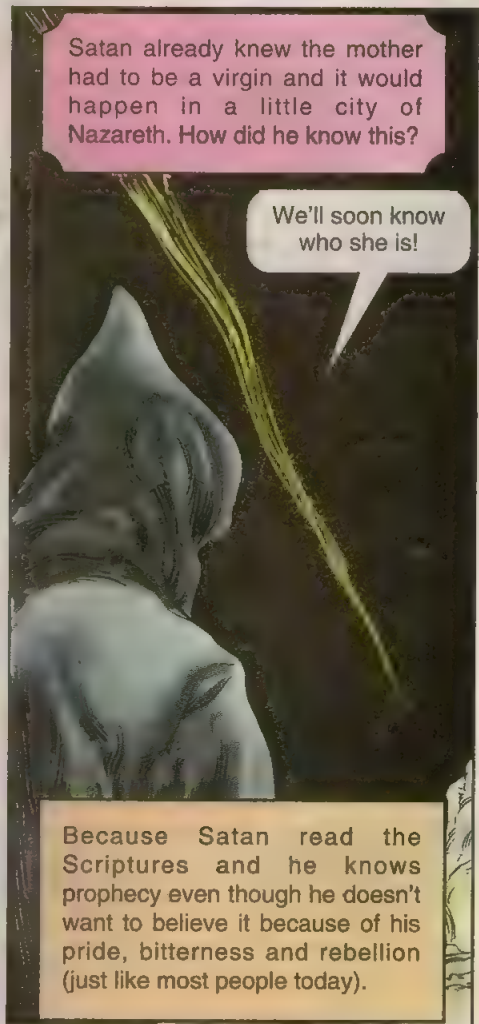


Herod had ordered the great Jewish temple to be rebuilt in Jerusalem. In doing that, he tried to get the Jews to like him.

Caesar Augustus, the Emperor of Rome, ridiculed Herod by saying, "It's better to be his hog than his son."* Herod had murdered one of his wives and his son. He only did things like that when someone upset him.

Something was in the wind that was going to upset Herod **very** much!

The angel, Gabriel, leaves heaven on his biggest assignment, heading for the planet, earth... immediately, the forces of darkness spot him coming into their territory. Satan is alerted... he knows it means trouble. This could only mean one thing. The Lord Jesus Christ was ready to leave heaven and become a baby.

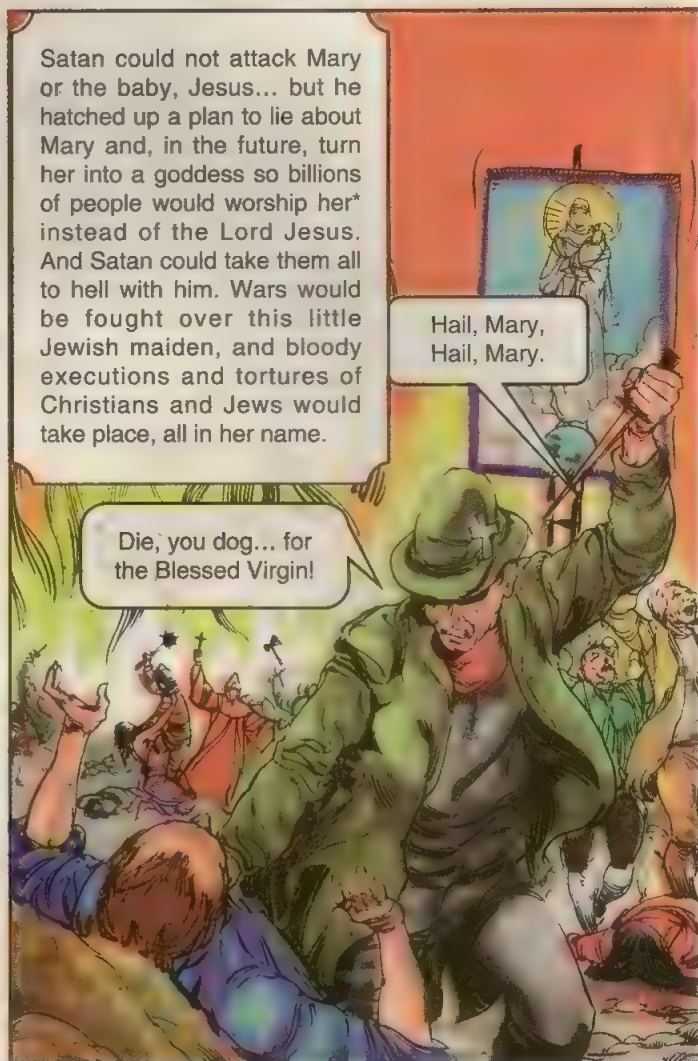
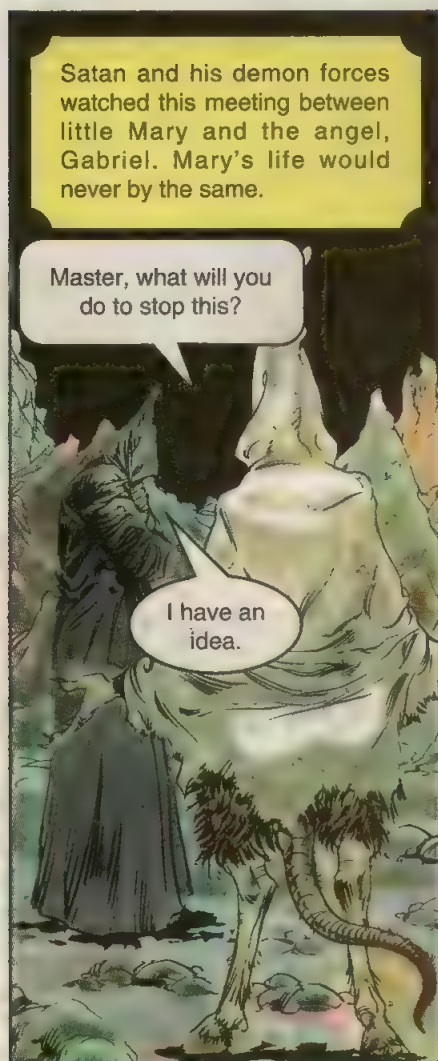
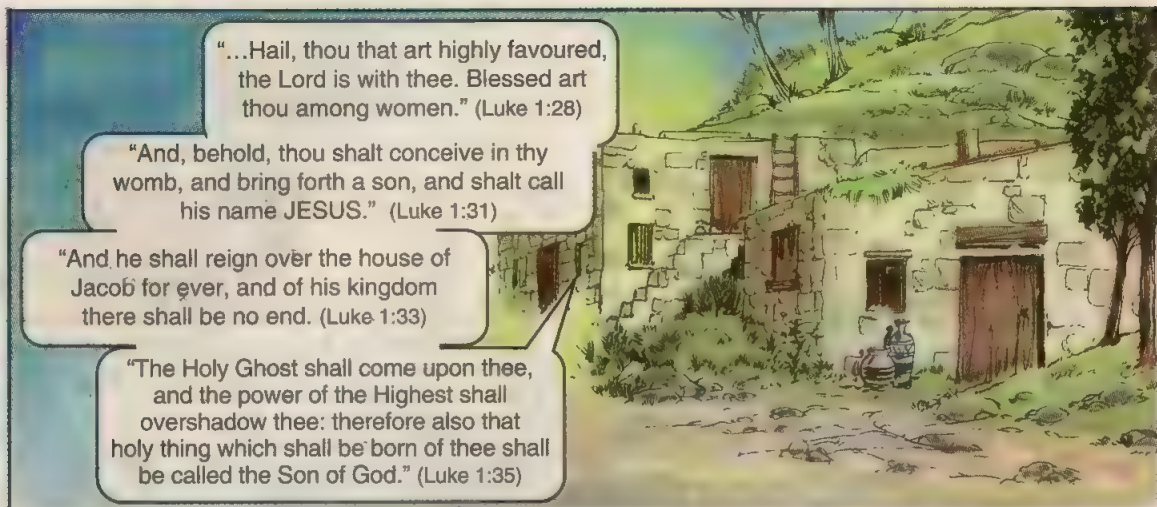


Because Satan read the Scriptures and he knows prophecy even though he doesn't want to believe it because of his pride, bitterness and rebellion (just like most people today).



Finally the great moment happened. The virgin Mary was stunned when the angel, Gabriel, came to her and said these tremendous words...

*Teacher of Jewish religious law.



*Almost all pagan religions, plus the Roman Catholic institution, Russian, Armenian and Greek Orthodox Churches including the Coptics, Syrians and Moslems. See Crusaders "Alberto," "Angel of Light," "Sabotage?" and "The Gift."

Mary's fiancé, Joseph, found out Mary was pregnant. He didn't know it was to be the birth of the Messiah...

"...Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife;

for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Matt. 1:20, 21

God told him in a dream to marry her because her baby is the Saviour. So he did. Bible prophecy said that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.

The Roman emperor sent out an order that everyone must register in their home town to be taxed.



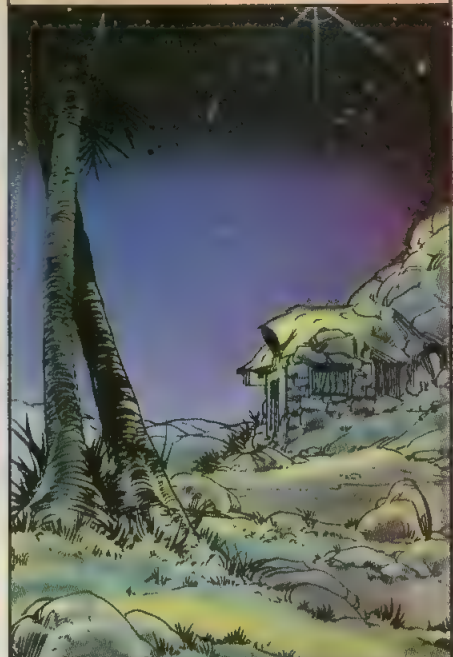
Mary's husband was born in Bethlehem, so while she was in the final stages of pregnancy, she must travel 80 dangerous miles to fulfill this prophecy.

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Micah 5:2

Bethlehem was jammed with people, including the inns (like motels). Everything was filled up...



There was no place for Joseph and Mary so they stayed in a smelly stable. It was here that God Almighty, the Creator of the universe, became flesh as a little baby boy — Jesus!



The Bible says, "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not." (John 1:10)

Over 800 years before this happened, God had spoken through his prophet, Isaiah, who said, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

Shepherds were watching their sheep late one night* when angels appeared, almost scaring them to death. An angel said, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11) The angel told them they would find the baby lying in a manger. They hurried to Bethlehem and were the very first visitors to see the King of kings.

*December is too wet for the sheep, and the grass is just starting to grow in the Holy Land. So it must have been in the summer or fall when the angels appeared.

Note: The Wise Men did not come to the manger.** They showed up about 18 months later. **Matt. 2:11

Later

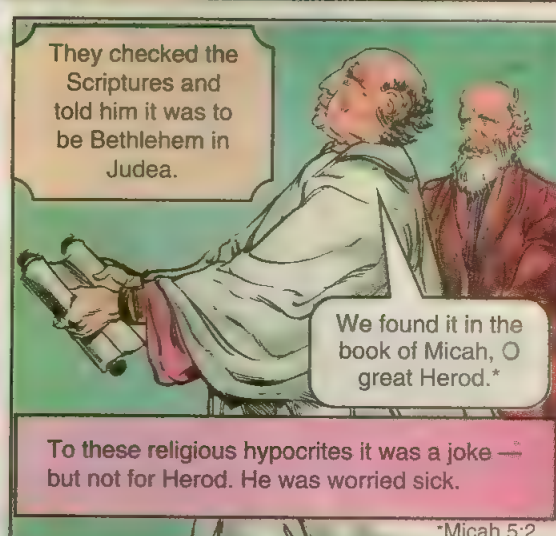
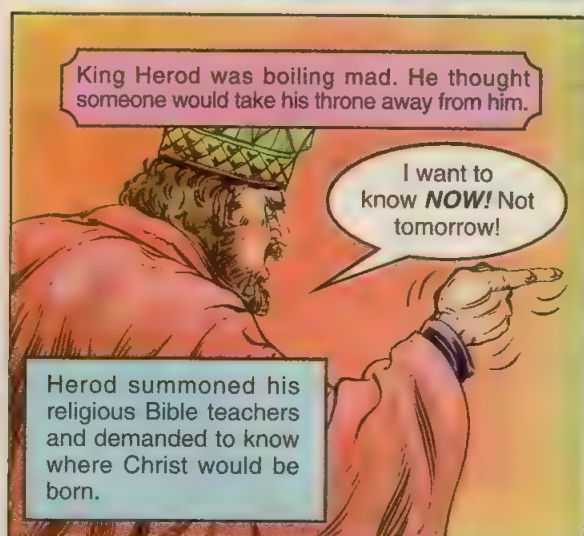
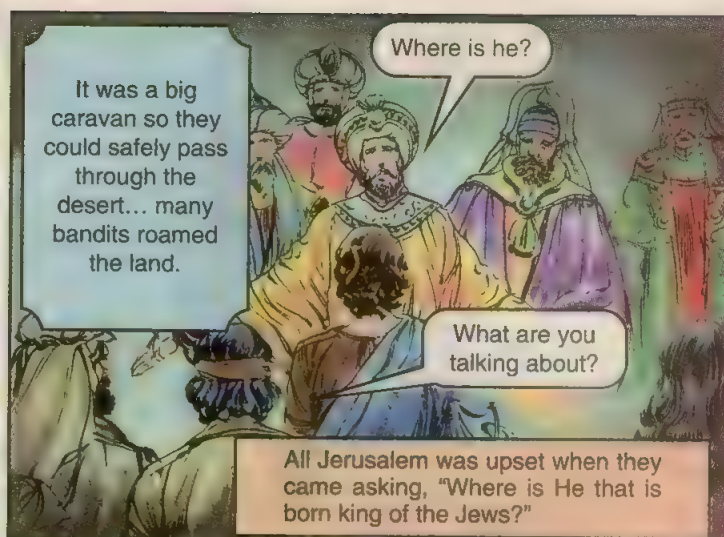
Mary and Joseph go to the great temple in the city of Jerusalem.

Mary fulfills a Jewish law by offering two turtledoves for a sin offering.* (Lev. 12:2-8) Mary knew she was a sinner, even though God had chosen her for this high honor. She knew that Jesus would be her Saviour.**

*See The Crusaders, volume 8, "The Gift". ** Luke 1:46-48

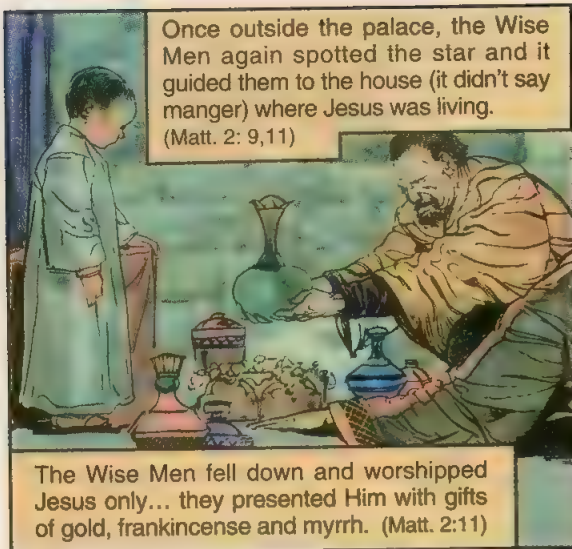
So being a faithful servant of God, Mary fulfilled her obligation. (Luke 2:39)

Note: Satan made Mary into a goddess in 1854 when Pope Pius IX proclaimed that Mary was born without sin. The pope claimed the Holy Spirit came upon Mary's mother, and Mary was born without sin... this is called, in the Roman Catholic doctrine, "The Immaculate Conception." That is **not** Bible teaching.

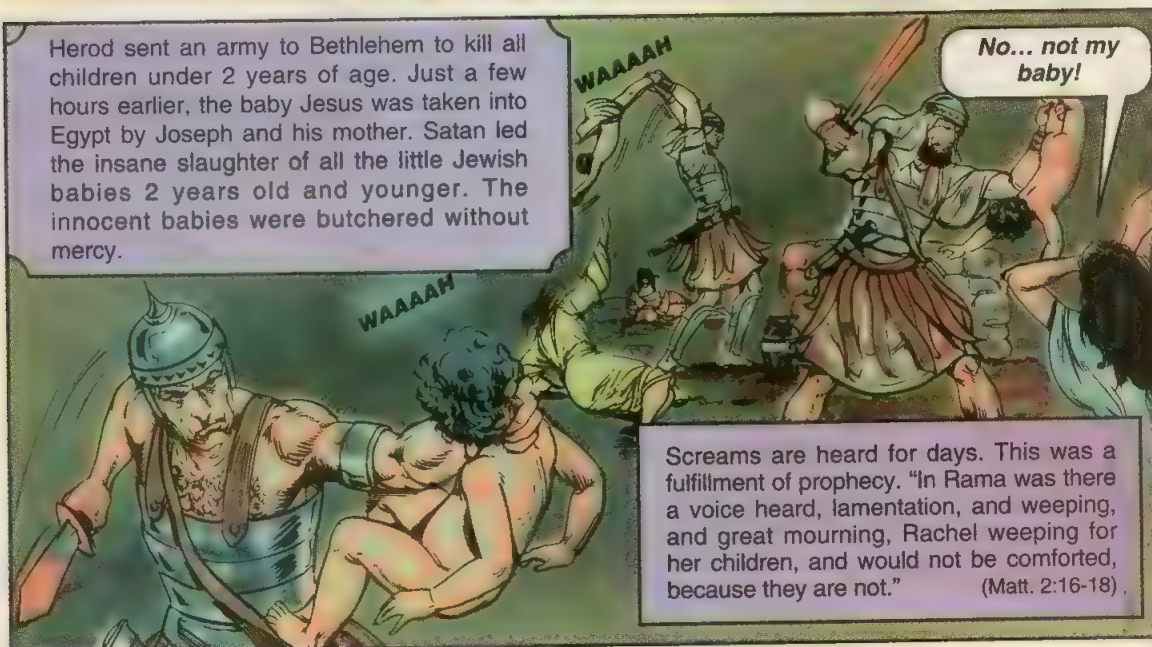
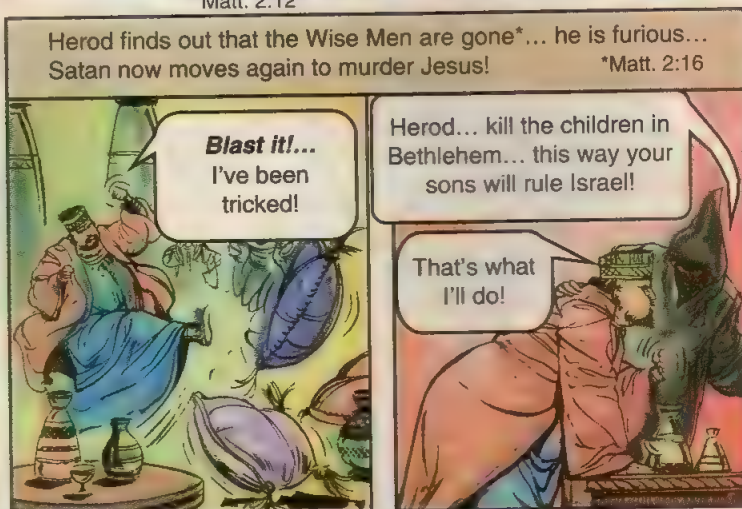
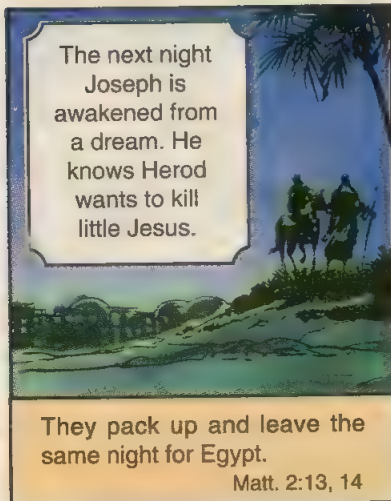


Herod asked the Wise Men when they first saw the star. They told him a date that would make Jesus about 18 months old.

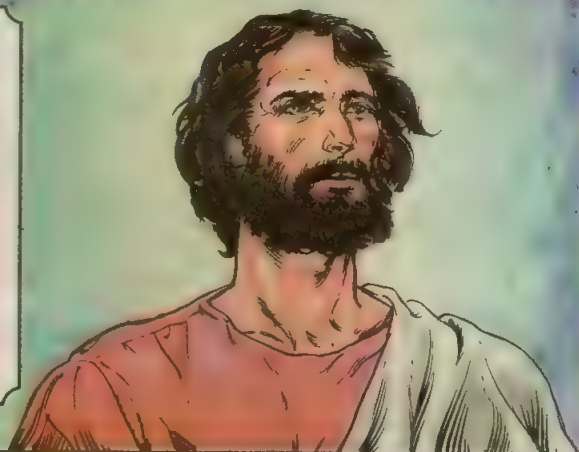




*Matt. 2:12



Remember how the Holy Spirit came upon Mary before she was married to Joseph and how this holy Child was called the Son of God? The Creator of the universe had become flesh. He was different from any person born on this earth. The Bible says: "(Jesus) **WHO DID NO SIN**, neither was guile found in his mouth." (I Peter 2:22; II Cor. 5:21) He was the only one, because the Bible says: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23) Including Mary who was quite human.



The Bible says Joseph knew her not (it means Joseph never touched Mary sexually) until she brought forth her firstborn son. After Jesus was born, Joseph and Mary had children.* Joseph was **not** the father of Jesus.



*Matthew 13:55, 56 — "Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things?" Also see Matt. 12:46, 47; John 2:12; Gal. 1:19. (KJV) Check Crusaders Vol. II, "Sabotage?" for correct Bible version.

At the age of 12,* Jesus dumbfounded the Jewish doctors of religion in the big temple in Jerusalem.

*Luke 2:46, 47

How does this youth know so much about Jewish law?

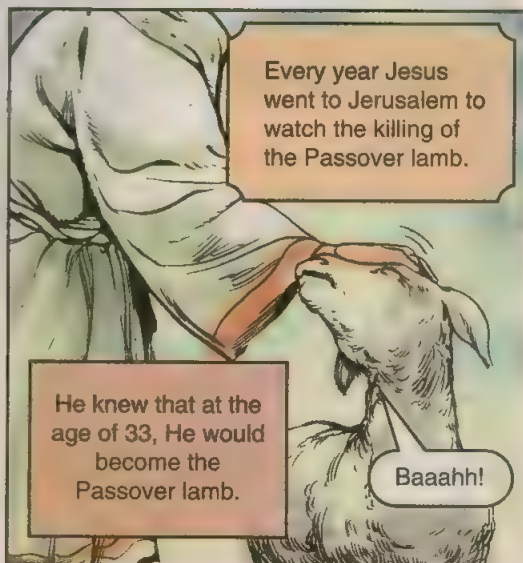
It was easy... about 1,500 years before that time, Jesus had given the Jewish law to Moses on Mt. Sinai.*

*Exodus 3:12, 13, 14; Exodus 20:2; John 8:58

Every year Jesus went to Jerusalem to watch the killing of the Passover lamb.

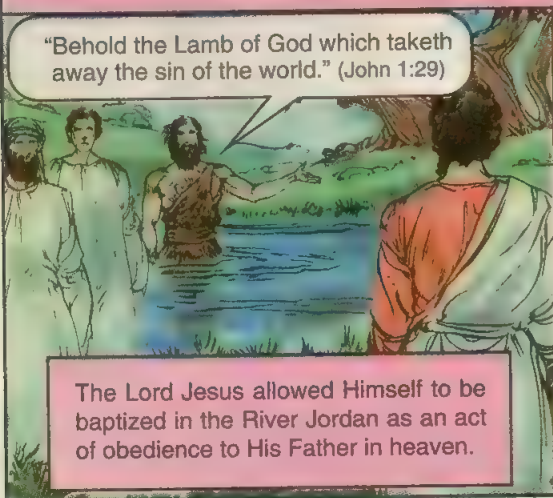
He knew that at the age of 33, He would become the Passover lamb.

Baaahh!

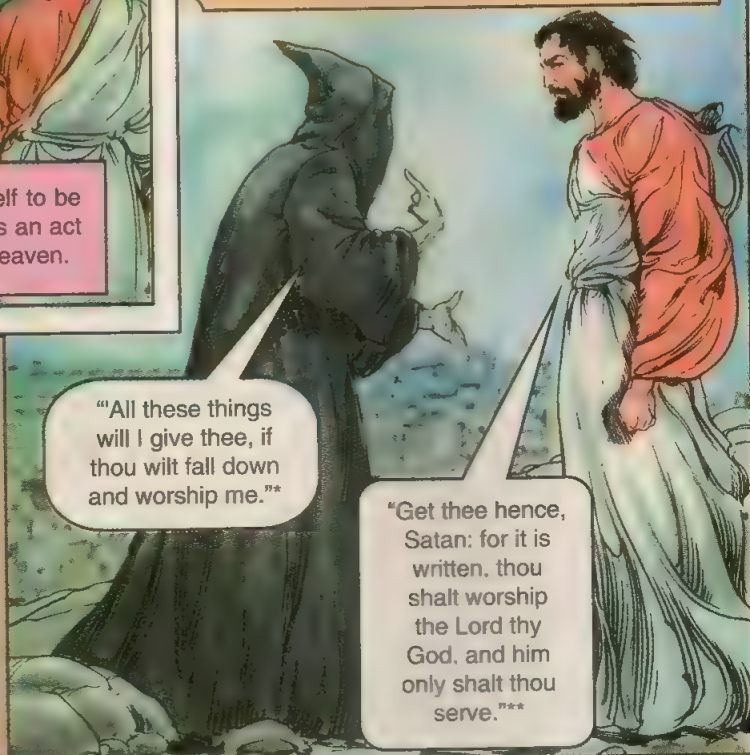


Jesus never spoke against Rome or its brutal rule of the Jewish people... but being God, His concern was the spiritual condition of Israel, and it was almost zero.

He began His public ministry at the age of 30. Watch carefully as He is introduced by John the Baptist:

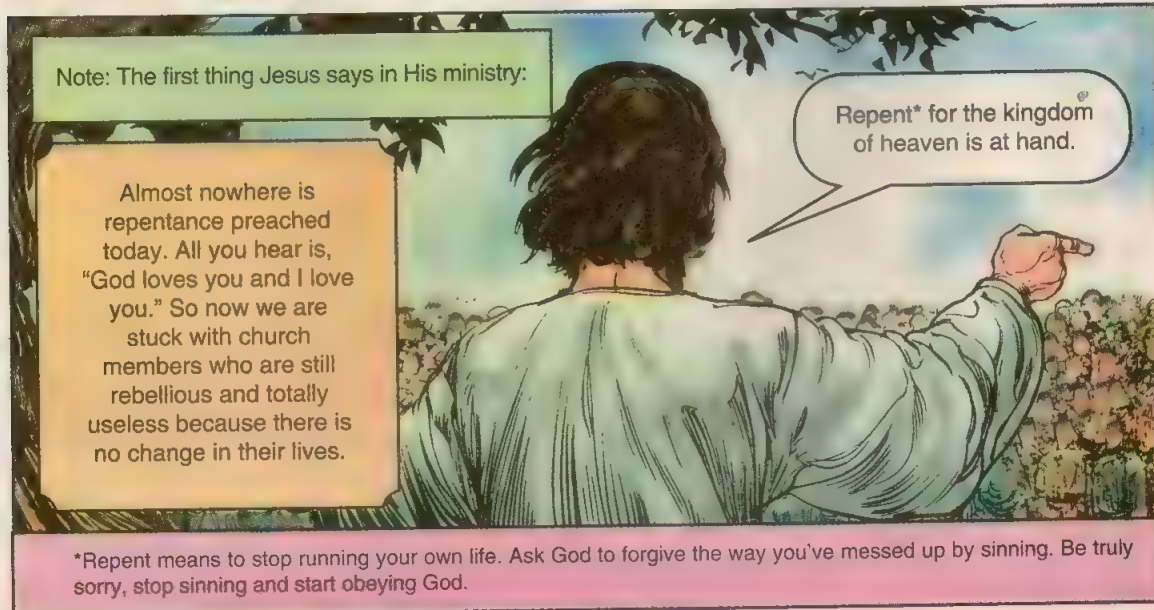


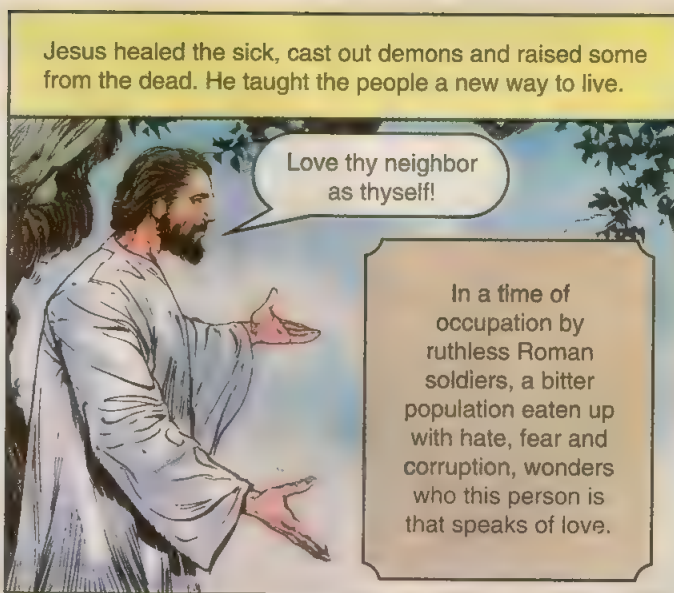
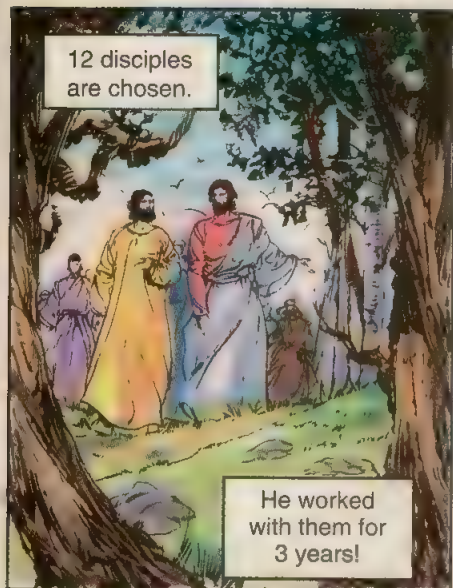
He was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where He fasted (went without food) for 40 days. During this time, Satan tried every trick in the book to get Jesus to fall down and worship him...



Satan has such a big head, that he tried to make the Creator of the universe, the very same Jesus who created him bow down and worship him. Satan was a fool. Jesus did not buy it. Satan is an insane creature who double-crosses everyone who has anything to do with him. Billions of people who are into witchcraft, the occult and religion will find out after they die how they've been set up and destroyed by Satan.

* (Matt 4:8, 9) ** (Matt. 4:10, 11)





Jesus' closest enemy was His friend,* Judas... a very religious follower of Christ, appointed an apostle. Judas prayed, he preached the Gospel,** healed the sick and cast out demons*** in the name of Jesus,† and he preached that men should repent. He was the world's greatest traitor all through his ministry with Christ. He set a pattern for the church... here is the pattern: 1 of the 12 disciples was a traitor... I believe that ratio (1 traitor to 12 Christians) could apply to the church today, including church members, pastors, evangelists, etc. The whole world is in rebellion against God, and Satan is taking them all to hell. So Satan's main target is Bible-believing Christians. (That's why there are so many Bible-believing Judases with us today.)

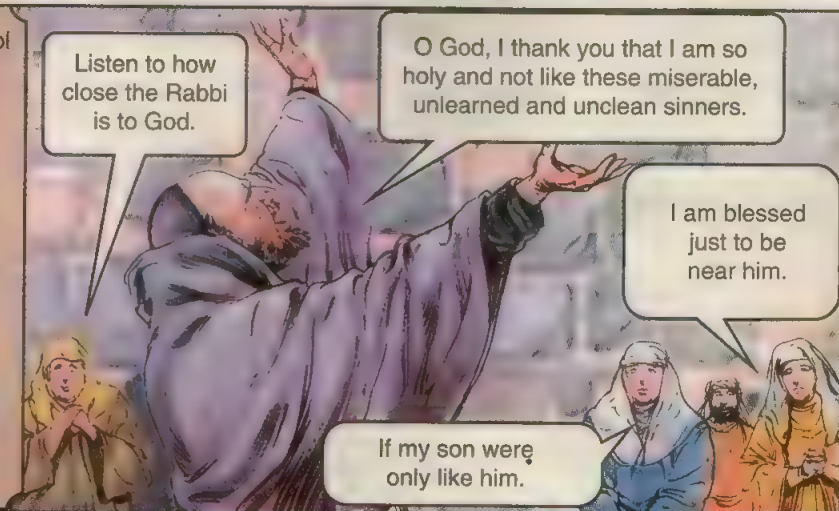
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**Mark 6:7, 12 †Matt. 7:21-23



JUDAS

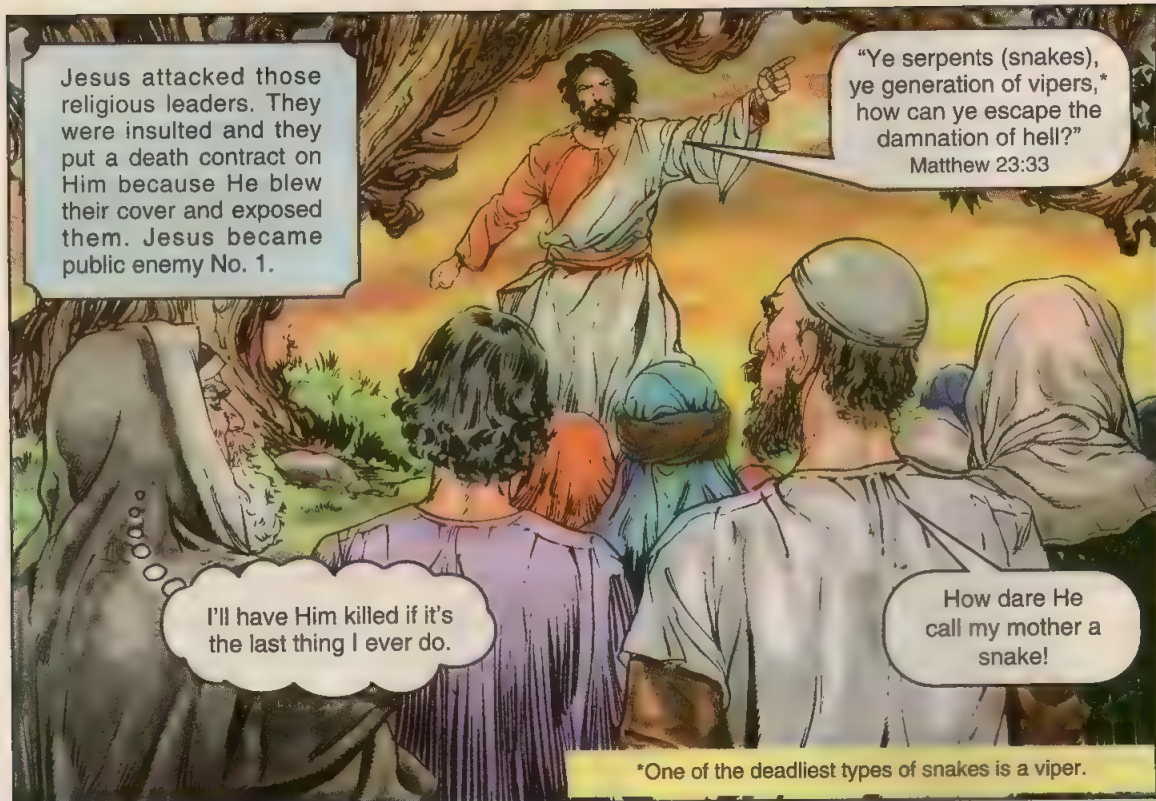
That's why Christians should check out (in love) what they are told by comparing it with the Scriptures. (Acts 17:10, 11)

Satan* had absolute control of the Jewish religious system. Most of the religious leaders were members** of secret societies who studied the Cabala (a system of occult techniques used by some rabbis to analyze Scripture and communicate with evil spirits) which we believe originated in Babylon and was started by Nimrod... they polluted the laws of Moses. They had no mercy*** on the poor.



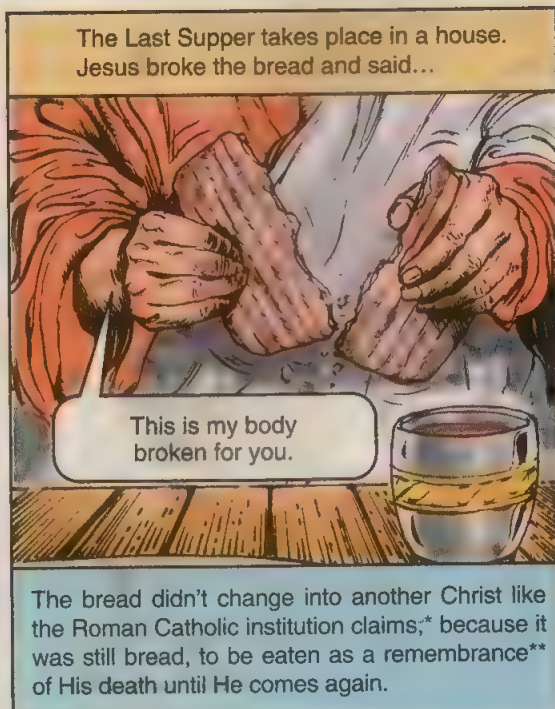
They looked down on the poor, dumb laymen who didn't understand the Bible, because only they were close to God and understood the great mysteries of the Scriptures.† They controlled the people, and they were religious phonies. (Like some pastors today who are Masons and some Jesuits — See "Alberto," Crusaders Volume12.)

†Gnosticism (The wise ones. It was a closed club. They loved to be called Masters and Fathers.) Matt. 23:9, 10
*John 8:44 **Matt. 15:8, 9; Matt. 23:15 ***Matt. 23:14

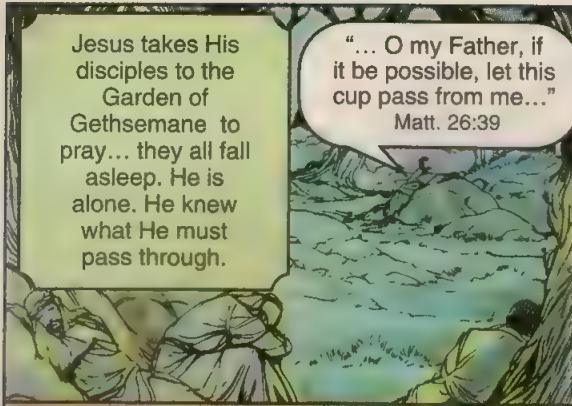


The Passover* was coming... this was to be the showdown between the forces of darkness and light, and Jesus is the Light ** of the world. Satan hated Jesus more than anyone else for throwing him out of heaven... this was his hour of revenge. Little did he know that God was using him to fulfill prophecy... now watch how it happened.

*See page 35 **John 8:12



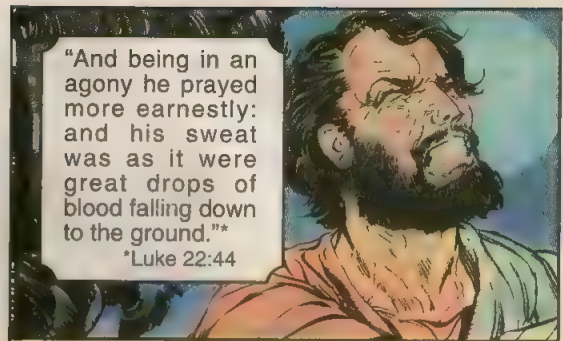
*Catholic Mass instituted in 394 A.D.. (See "Alberto," Crusaders Vol. 12, pages 6 and 25.) **1 Corinthians 11:24-26



Jesus takes His disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray... they all fall asleep. He is alone. He knew what He must pass through.

"... O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me..."
Matt. 26:39

It's not so much dying that bothered Him... but Jesus "who knew no sin"* was about to become a sin offering and the sins of the world were about to be placed on Him. *II Corinthians 5:21



"And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."*

*Luke 22:44

This is known in medical terms as "hematidrosis" (bleeding sweat). This strange effect sometimes happens when emotional pressures are so great that tiny blood vessels burst in the sweat glands and mix the blood with the sweat... causing great weakness.*

*Gerald H. Bradley, M.D.



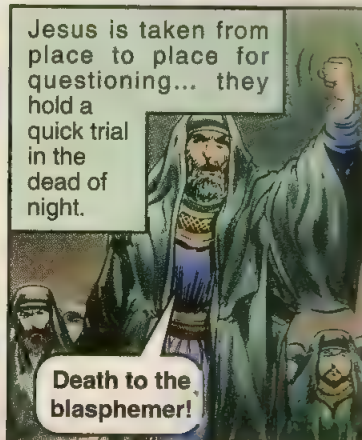
Judas brings the police. The signal is to arrest whomever Judas kisses.

Master!

That's Him!

This is the kiss of death... He is arrested and His disciples, except two, take off in all directions.*

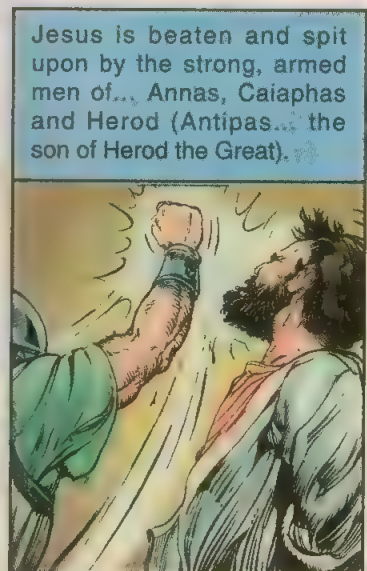
*John 18:15



Jesus is taken from place to place for questioning... they hold a quick trial in the dead of night.

Death to the blasphemer!

The Jewish supreme court (Sanhedrin) finds Him guilty even before the trial... It's a stacked deck!

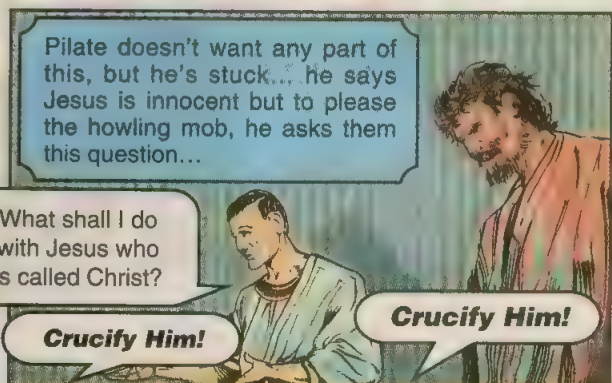


Jesus is beaten and spit upon by the strong, armed men of... Annas, Caiaphas and Herod (Antipas... the son of Herod the Great).



He is a political hot potato.

He is finally pushed off on the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate.



Pilate doesn't want any part of this, but he's stuck... he says Jesus is innocent but to please the howling mob, he asks them this question...

What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?

Crucify Him!

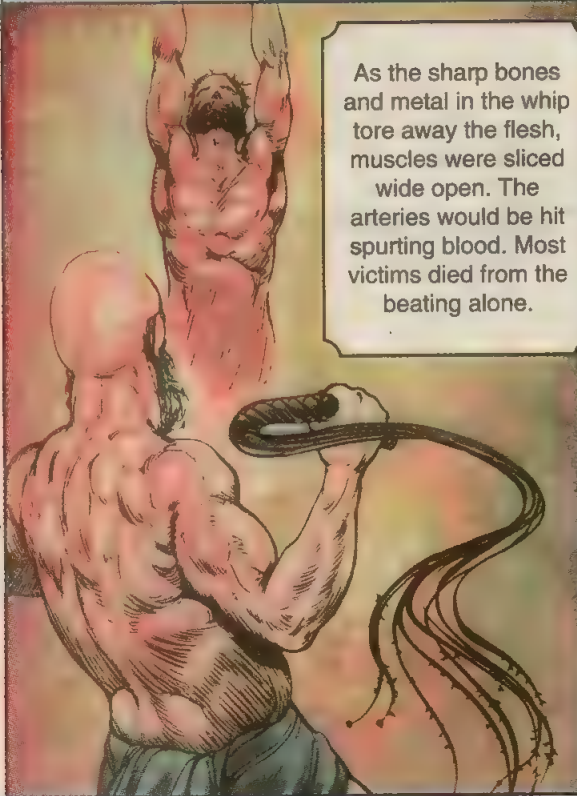
Crucify Him!

At this point, 18 Jewish laws were broken so Jesus could be put to death.*

*The Illegal Trial of Jesus, Earl Wingo, Christian Truth & Victory Publications

The angels of God watch in utter shock as they see their Creator humiliated, tortured and murdered.

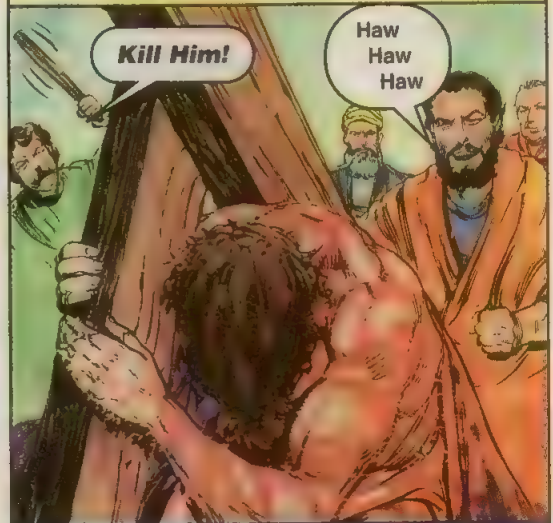
Pontius Pilate orders Jesus scourged (beaten).



As the sharp bones and metal in the whip tore away the flesh, muscles were sliced wide open. The arteries would be hit spurting blood. Most victims died from the beating alone.

The prophet Isaiah said, "... his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men." Isaiah 52:14

His flesh is hanging in ribbons as He is ordered to carry a cross weighing over 100 pounds, 650 yards to the place of execution... (Golgotha) the rough wood gouged into His torn back, by now He was already dehydrated. The miracle was that He was still living.

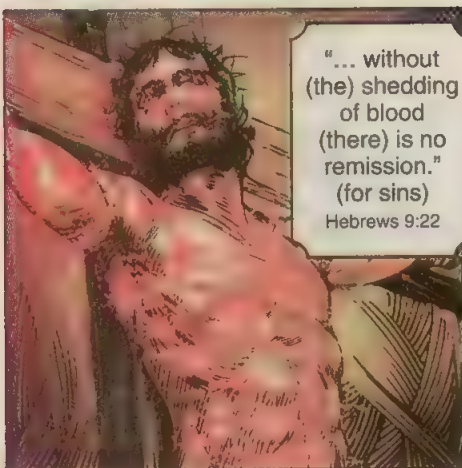


"I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting." Isaiah 50:6

Satan summons his army of demons to Jerusalem... all of his evil power is unleashed against Jesus through the insane mob. The angels in heaven stand by waiting for Jesus' order to attack... but His love for us held back the command.

JESUS BECOMES THE PASSOVER LAMB

1 Cor. 5:7 John 1:29



"... without (the) shedding of blood (there) is no remission." (for sins) Hebrews 9:22

"For God (the Father) so loved the world, (that's you) that he gave his only begotten Son (God the Son, Jesus), that whosoever believeth (clings to or trusts) in him should not perish (in the lake of fire), but have everlasting life (in heaven)." John 3:16

The sky is darkened for 3 hours as every filthy act ever done by man is heaped upon the precious Savior.



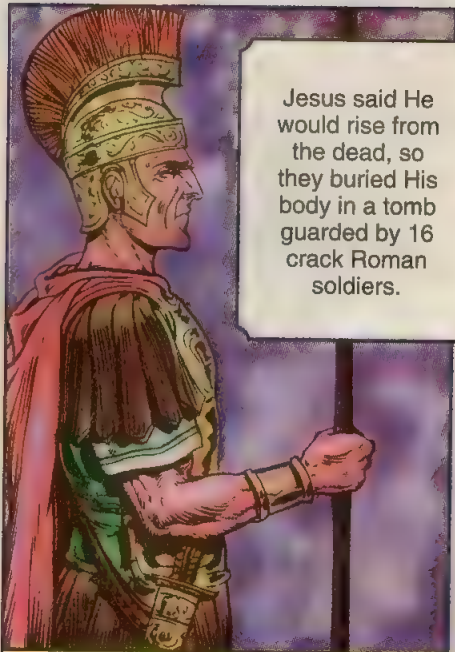
It is finished!

The He said: "... into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost." Luke 23:46

This is the only time in eternity that there is a split between God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit... because God the Son became a sin offering... and being holy, They could not allow sin in Their presence.

Satan believes he did this with his power! He is overjoyed... his hated enemy is dead!

See Crusader Vol. 8 "The Gift" for a medical view of the crucifixion.



Jesus said He would rise from the dead, so they buried His body in a tomb guarded by 16 crack Roman soldiers.

If only one man fell asleep on guard duty, their whole group would be burned alive in their own clothing... so nobody so much as yawned.*

*"The Great Resurrection Hoax" by Josh McDowell, Liberation Tapes, P.O. Box 6044, Lubbock, Texas 79413.

The seal of Rome was placed on the huge stone blocking the grave entrance..If anyone broke that seal... the Roman F.B.I. and C.I.A. would hunt for them and then crucify them upside down.



No problem with the disciples... they were scared to death... their leader was dead... the last thing the religious Jewish leaders wanted, was to hear of Jesus' resurrection.

On the first day of the week, there was a great earthquake and an angel descended from heaven and rolled the one ton* stone away... the Roman soldiers were so frightened, they became as dead men.**



Jesus arose from the dead... the tomb was empty... Satan was defeated!

*The Great Resurrection Hoax by Josh McDowell, Liberation Tapes, P. O. Box 6044, Lubbock, Texas 79413 **Matthew 28:4

Jesus was seen by over 500 witnesses!*



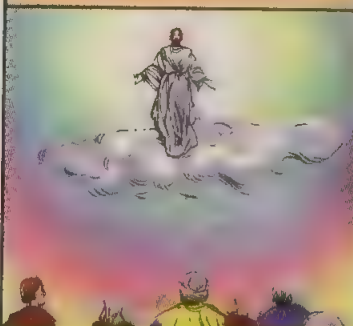
*From a historical or legal perspective, if there are enough people alive when the facts are published about an event and these people have either been eyewitnesses of it or had participated in it, it can be fairly well established the validity of a secular event.

When His cowering disciples saw Him, they were transformed into vibrant, aggressive men who were on fire for God!

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Matt. 28:18, 19



40 days later, Jesus went up into heaven... but first, He told His disciples that He is coming again. While He was teaching them, He told them what world conditions would be like at His second coming.*

*Matthew, chapter 24

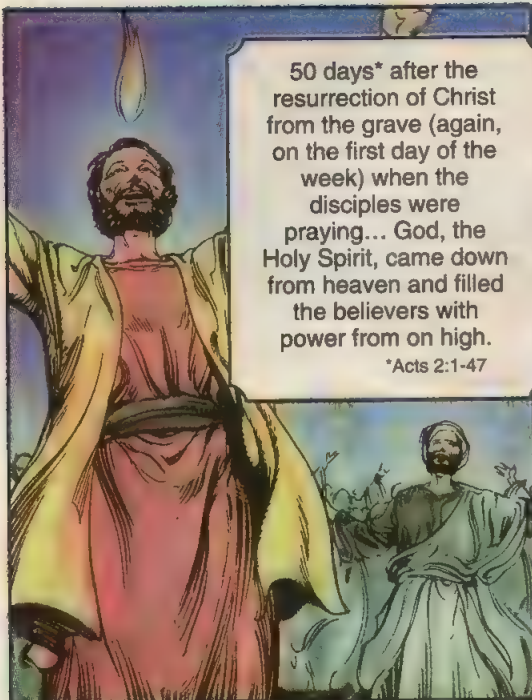
As He went into heaven, the disciples stood watching in amazement. Two angels appeared and said to them...

"Why stand ye gazing* up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11

*looking



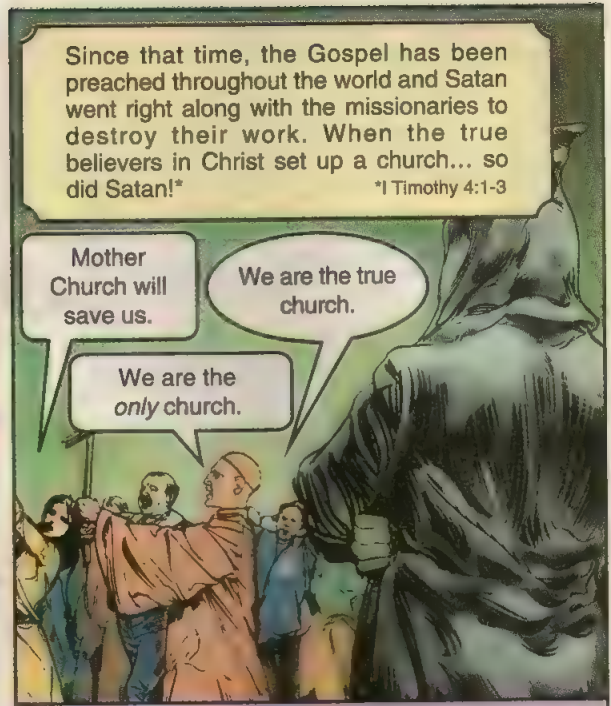
Now watch what is coming upon the earth. It could happen in your lifetime.



50 days* after the resurrection of Christ from the grave (again, on the first day of the week) when the disciples were praying... God, the Holy Spirit, came down from heaven and filled the believers with power from on high.

*Acts 2:1-47

And they turned the world upside down by telling people the good news that Jesus died for their sins and they can escape from Satan's death grip.



Since that time, the Gospel has been preached throughout the world and Satan went right along with the missionaries to destroy their work. When the true believers in Christ set up a church... so did Satan!*
*I Timothy 4:1-3

Mother Church will save us.

We are the true church.

We are the only church.

The devil has organized false* super churches for one reason only: to make his people religious and remain rebellious to God so he can take those millions to hell with him. (See page 50.)

*Crusaders Vol. 12, "Alberto."

Today the world cannot tell the true from the false... Satan has done his job well.

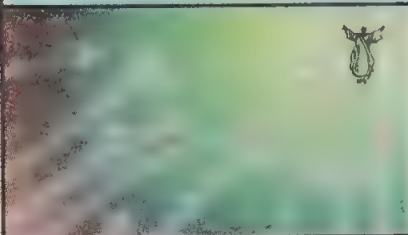
Note: The Holy Spirit's job is to glorify (to lift up) Jesus* before the world... but now Satan has switched it around... today many church-goers are lifting up the Holy Spirit instead of the Lord Jesus. Two very key areas Satan is moving in: (1) to put Jesus down as only a man equal with Socrates, Mohammed (the prophet), Moses, Confucius, Buddha, etc., and (2) to play down the blood of Christ shed on the cross... and deny God's grace and will to use the tremendous power of that precious blood today to save, to heal, and to set free from all demonic powers.



*John 16:14

Moses Mohammed Buddha Confucius®

Now we see the world is falling apart morally, spiritually, financially, educationally and religiously. There is rioting on the streets, famines and wars. The true Bible-believing Christians are crying for the Lord Jesus to come quickly, which He will do.



16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

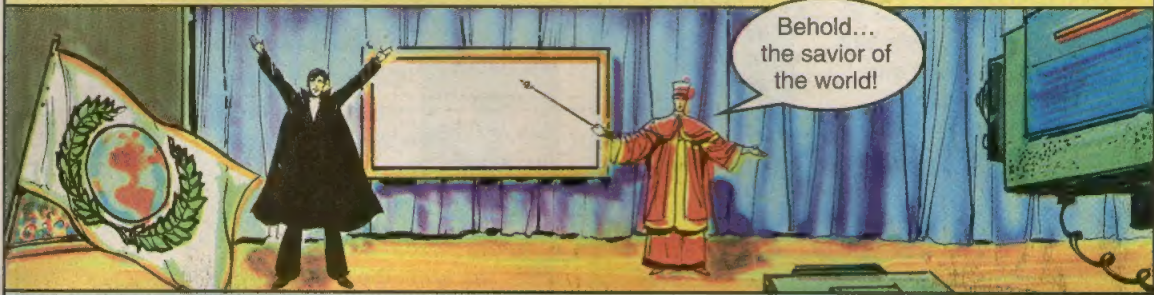
I Thessalonians 4:16-18

This is called the blessed hope (the meeting in the air) when He takes His true followers to heaven. God, the Holy Spirit,* will then step aside and let wickedness run free without restraint. The world will turn into a nightmare, with Satan running the show.

*"For the mystery of iniquity (Satan's operation) doth already work: only he (the Holy Spirit) who now letteth (who hinders, blocks or holds back) will let, (hold back) until he (the Holy Spirit) be taken out of the way." II Thess.2:7

The Bible says that in the last days there will be a super-church... when all denominations pull together under the Roman Catholic institution, the Great Whore of the book of Revelation, chapter 17. (This is what is happening today.)... Its religious leader will be an imitator of Christ and in reality the Anti-Christ* or false prophet.

*Revelation 13:11



This will be Satan's masterpiece. Soon a man will arise on the world scene who will use this super-church to push himself into a position as the political leader of the world. He is known as the Beast. Satan will use the Beast to try and wipe the Jews off the face of the earth.

A great image is made of the Beast for the world to worship... his followers receive his mark. Anyone opposing him is killed.



Satan enters the Beast and demands the rebellious world to worship him as God, and it does. It is a trinity of evil.

God sends devastating plagues upon the earth. Jesus, in Matthew 24, warned of great tribulation that was to come.



"... and the third part of the sea became blood; and the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed."

Revelation 8:8-9

"And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power."

Revelation 9:3

"... and their power was to hurt men five months."

Rev.9:10



"And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues:..."

Revelation 16:9

Plague after plague strikes rebellious man... and still he will not repent. By now 2/3* of all the true Jews are dead, and the army of the world moves to kill those still living. That's when Jesus, their Messiah,** will return to save them.

*Zech. 13:8 **Daniel 9:25-27

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean."

Revelation 19:11-14

"And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."

Revelation 19:19, 20



"And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh."

Revelation 19:21

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST (THE JEWISH MESSIAH)

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him." Revelation 1:7

Jesus Christ, "The Prince of Peace," now rules over the earth. "Swords are beaten into plowshares"* and there shall be no more war during the great thousand years of peace on earth that has finally come. *Micah 4:3

I looked and I actually saw the nail prints in our Messiah's hands!



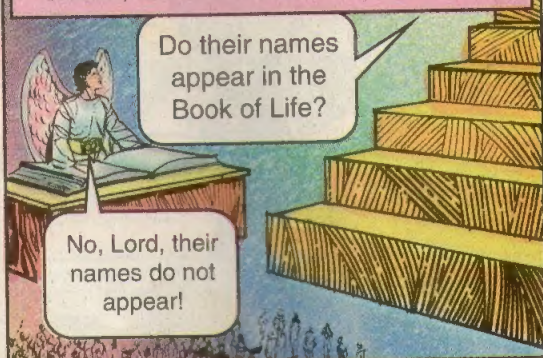
"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Matt 6:10

1000 years later

That great and terrible day finally comes... the day when all those rebellious ones who died in their sins will be judged by their Creator,* the Lord Jesus. *John 5:22

Do their names appear in the Book of Life?

No, Lord, their names do not appear!



"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:12,15

The moment Satan had dreaded finally comes. His rotten career is ended. He is cast into the lake of fire where the Beast and the False Prophet are. (Notice they are still alive after 1,000 years.) Billions of rebellious people, religious and otherwise, who died in their sins and laughed about the crucifixion are lost for eternity*...

Jesus is Lord.



And the smoke of their torment** goes up day and night forever and ever; and Satan himself has to bow his knee in the flames and admit that Jesus Christ is God Almighty, Lord of Lords and King of Kings!***

*II Thess. 1:7-9

**Rev. 14:11

***Phil. 2:9-11



The last enemy is death* and he too, is cast into the lake of fire. *I Cor. 15:26

"And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all."

I Cor. 15:28



AND JESUS CHRIST IS INDEED THE KING OF KINGS!

The End

WHERE DO YOU FIT INTO THIS PICTURE?

Did you know that everything you've ever said, or done, or thought has been recorded?

Matthew 12:36 Romans 2:16 Luke 12:2, 3

The Bible says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (His glory is His excellence or perfection)

That means your good works* don't count.

*Ephesians 2:8, 9, 10 and Titus 3:5

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY FOR GOD TO PASS OVER YOU ON THAT AWFUL DAY OF JUDGMENT. If you have received Jesus into your heart and believe that He died for you on the cross, shedding His blood to wash away your sins — if you really believe that... then that blood covers your sins forever and washes you clean. And God sees that blood* covering you and He passes over you on the day of judgment, and you are saved from being cast into the lake of fire. *1 Peter 1:18, 19

How do you get that protection of the blood of Christ?

It doesn't come by leading a good life, or being kind, or going to church, or loving your mother, or country*... or by long prayers, or praying to saints, etc. If you are counting on that, then you will end up as another religious sinner in hell with Satan!

*Isaiah 64:6

The Bible shows us there is only ONE way into heaven... and rebels will not accept it.

Only those who repent, surrender their lives and their will to Christ will reign with him in glory.

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

1. Admit you are a sinner.
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent).
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead.
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your life to become your personal Saviour.

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His **precious blood** and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Saviour.

Did you accept Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour?

Date _____

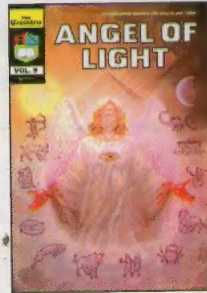
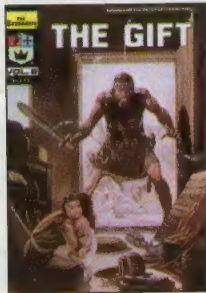
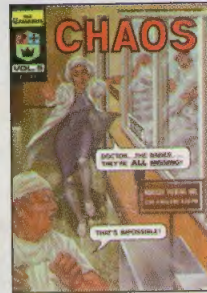
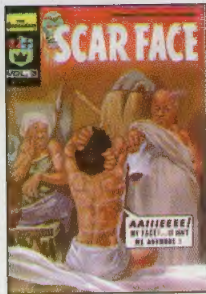
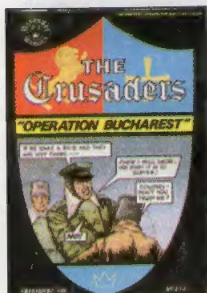
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If your answer was yes, then this is just the beginning of a wonderful new life with Christ. Now:

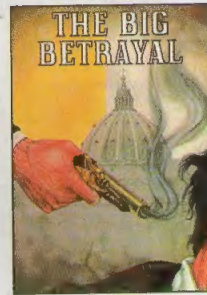
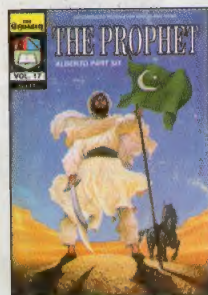
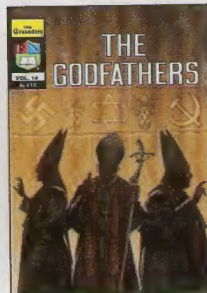
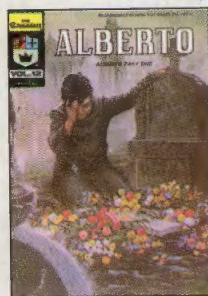
1. Read your Bible every day to get to know Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Christ.

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